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AMERICA URGES PEACE CONGRESS OF WORLD'S SOCIALISTS

(The call and invitation of American Socialists to the Socialists of the world to hold an Extraordinary Peace Session of the International Socialist and Labor Congress is as follows.)

The Socialists of the United States of America offer their deepest sympathy and their brotherly hand to the European workers now in the midst of a world war.

It is unnecessary to dwell upon the ravages of this terrible conflict. History will sit in judgment. But we must express our sorrow that workmen of the most enlightened countries of Europe, bound by the ties of international brotherhood and solidarity, are today arrayed in bloody combat against each other.

We do not presume to pass judgment upon the conduct of our brother parties in Europe. We realize that they are the victims of the present vicious industrial, political and military systems and that they did the best they could under the circumstances.

Our country, however, has remained neutral in the present conflict. We therefore consider it our duty to address an appeal in favor of peace to our unfortunate comrades in the nations at war, as well as to our comrades in nations not at war.

We are not now concerned as to what government was the aggressor in this terrible conflict, nor is that the question of greatest importance. History will sit in judgment on this also. We appeal to you in the name of Socialism, and acting in agreement with your own proclamations, we ask you to help us to stop this mass murder. You, yourselves, in every country have declared that this war was not of your choice. Your noble and eloquent declarations still hold good. We know that no nation can gain by the continuation of this war. Whatever rewards and advantages will come from it will go to the ruling classes; all the sacrifices, sufferings and sorrows it will entail will fall to the lot of the workers. And every day that the slaughter continues thousands of our comrades and brothers are killed.

At the International Congress in Stuttgart a resolution was adopted by which the International Socialist movement pledged itself not only to make every effort to avert the outbreak of war, but also, should war break out, to strive with all our might to bring the war to a speedy termination.

The Socialists of the war-stricken European countries have worked faithfully and heroically in the spirit of the first part of this resolution. But their voices were silenced by the cannon of the hostile armies. Capitalist militarism proved stronger than the young spirit of Socialist brotherhood.

The Socialists of the world must now proceed at once to the realization of the second clause of the resolution—"to work for the speedy termination of the war."

The International Socialist Bureau does not function at the present time. Therefore the Socialist party of America deems it its duty to invite all countries represented at the International Bureau to send their regular number of delegates to an extraordinary peace session of the International Socialist and Trade Union Congress, to be held either in Europe or in America, at a date to be fixed as soon as acceptances are received from the various Socialist organizations represented in the Bureau.

We request the Socialist party, or other labor body entitled to a delegation at the International Congress, to indicate its preference as to whether the congress shall meet in Europe or America, offering the suggestion that a choice be made between Copenhagen and The Hague.

We earnestly invite our comrades to meet in the United States, at Washington, D. C., and in case our European comrades decide to meet in America, in order to assist in the success of this congress, the Socialist party of America offers to pay all the necessary expenses of five delegates from every nation entitled to twenty votes, and in proportion for the delegates from every nation, the minimum to be two delegates, according to the representation established by the International Socialist Bureau.

The agenda of this congress shall be the discussion of ways and means to most speedily and most effectively stop this war, and such other matters as may pertain to the subject of World's Peace.

Comrades, in the name of the past achievements and future hope of humanity, in the name of the welfare of future generations, we issue this call and urge your favorable and immediate response. We ask that action be taken at the earliest possible moment and reply made according to the directions herewith from our National Executive Secretary.

(Signed) NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
Victor L. Berger, J. Stitt Wilson, James H. Maurer, Adolph Germer, and Lewis J. Duncan.

World Congress May Come Here To Talk Peace

American Socialism has issued the first rallying call to the Socialists of the world to gather in an Extraordinary Peace Session of the International Socialist Congress, to be held as soon as possible.

This call is contained in a special proclamation on the war situation issued by the Socialist party National Executive Committee meeting in Chicago. It follows the peace message sent to European countries last week, urging Socialists to exert every influence on their respective governments in behalf of peace.

This proclamation will be sent to the official representatives of the Socialist parties of the warring and neutral countries, to the prominent Socialists of these countries and to all the European Socialist publications, including the eighty Socialist dailies in Germany.

Will Urge Peace Efforts.

Socialists in this country will also enter into personal correspondence with European Socialists, urging them to exert their influence in behalf of the holding of this International Socialist Peace Congress.

If the European Socialists decide to hold the congress on their side of the Atlantic, then it is urged that it be held either at Copenhagen or at The Hague. If it is felt that it would be possible to hold the congress in this country, then it is urged that it be held at Washington, D. C., with the American Socialist party offering to pay the greater part of the expenses of such a gathering.

It is pointed out that the United States would be the logical place for the holding of such a congress if the European Socialists can remain away from their countries for the necessary length of time. If the congress comes to America it will be the first time that it has been held in this country. Among the countries that would no doubt send delegates are Germany, Austria, France, England, Russia, Italy, Japan, United States, Belgium, Holland, Servia, Bulgaria, Roumania, Greece, Turkey, Montenegro, Denmark, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, and Norway.

Now Is Time to Act.

It is felt that the present time is the best for planning an extraordinary peace session of the International Socialist Congress. The food riots in Vienna and other cities show the temper of the workers in the dual monarchy. Recent reports tell of placards being posted in Berlin containing the plea, "We want peace."

Other late reports tell of the workers in revolt at Odessa, the Black Sea port of Russia, where it is claimed that the workers seized the warehouses and burned the forts, while the soldiers ordered out against them refused to shoot. Odessa was the scene of the biggest revolt in Russia during the Russo-Japanese war.

Members of the National Executive Committee feel that the warring European countries are now good and ready for peace.

Appoint Finance Committee.

In case the European Socialists should give their consent to come to the United States, a special finance committee will immediately begin work to raise the necessary funds. An executive committee for such a committee has already been chosen, consisting of Seymour Stedman, Socialist, member of the Illinois State Legislature, chairman; Adolph Germer, vice-president of the Illinois mine workers; William Van Bogelgraven, secretary of the International Brickmakers' Union; Adolph Dreifuss, translator-secretary of the German section of the Socialist party, and Ralph Korngold, head of the Socialist party literature department.

Walter Lanfersiek, national secretary of the Socialist party, will immediately get in touch with the officials of the Socialist parties of Europe, in an effort to learn the sentiments of European Socialists concerning the holding of the congress.

WOMEN CALLED TO SERVICE IN HEROIC WAR AGAINST WAR

By EUGENE V. DEBS

THIS man-made and man-ruled world of ours has set about, in the very heyday of its civilization, to destroy itself.

What could be more astounding, more supremely tragic, or more infinitely cruel and monstrous!

Think of the world deliberately setting itself afire and perishing horribly in its own flames!

The war in Europe can be compared to no other war in history. It is not a war of one nation upon another, but a war of civilization upon itself, and the appalling destruction it portends defies belief and paralyses the imagination.

Can it be that this man-made world of ours is doomed to perish in its own iniquities and that it must perish before a righteous world can take its place?

The civilization of today has collapsed in the very hour of its supremest need and the war demon is now running riot in the glare of the conflagration that is licking up its monuments along the highway of the ages.

Would this crushing catastrophe have overwhelmed the race if woman had been man's comrade and equal in the making and ruling of the world?

May it not be that this man-made world must be destroyed by man-made wars as long as woman—man's higher, nobler, diviner self—is denied her part in creating its civilization and moulding its destinies?

Had the women of Europe decided this momentous issue of war, the slaughter now raging would never have sent its red torrents to the sea.

Woman is by nature opposed to the savagery of war and where her counsel is heard and heeded the lurid hell of horrors men call war is unknown.

But now that war has come and its rapid spread is a menace to all the world, the women are needed as never before to mitigate its horrors and to restore the earth to peace and sanity once more.

Now is the time for those who believe in "Peace on earth and good will toward men" to prove their faith by their works. Now is the time to appeal to the masses and educate the people. To show the cause and cure of war and point the open road to peace.

The working women organized in the Socialist movement have the call to service in this crisis that comes but once in a life-time and I shall believe that they will rise to the demand and do their heroic part to save the day for a saner civilization and a happier world.

SAYS ALL LOCALS SHOULD RESPOND

In ordering 1,000 copies of the Women's Anti-War issue of The American Socialist, Louise S. Jacobs, woman organizer for New York, writes: "I hope you will get a like response from every local in the country." That would mean an edition of six million, since there are 6,000 Socialist locals in the country. Mrs. Jacobs says:

"We voted unanimously to order 1,000 copies, to be sold or given away at our special women's meetings which are being held throughout the city.

"Personally, I who have charge of these meetings, cannot tell you how happy that announcement made me and I want to assure you that every copy will be disposed of to the best advantage."

Our biggest order thus far has come from Local Cincinnati, which sends in $25 for 5,000 copies. We are going to print an extra large number of this issue, but they will soon be all gone at the rate that orders are now being received. So hurry in your orders if you expect to take advantage of this big opportunity to spread the Socialist propaganda among the women of the nation. Bundles are 50 cents a hundred, and $5 a thousand.

SCHOOL WORSHIP OF WAR HEROES SCORED BY DOCTOR

The worship of generals, commanders and other military heroes in literature in schools, and by the public in general, lies at the bottom of warfare, Dr. John B. Murphy told members of the Chicago Association of Commerce.

To prove his theory Dr. Murphy repeated the names of famous war heroes, which were familiar to all.

"How many of you know who Carroll is?" Dr. Murphy asked. None knew.

"Dr. Carroll is the American who saved more lives by discovering that mosquitoes caused yellow fever infection than all the lives the Krupps can take in fifty years," the surgeon answered. "And yet he is unknown. No monument serves as a reminder of his efforts. No history tells of the terrible risks he took to save lives, yet pages upon pages have been written about generals who have killed thousands."

But the Chicago Association of Commerce is out to make money and giving children a real education might hurt the profit system.

Commission at Boston.—The Belgian Royal Commission, of which Emil Vandervelde, chairman of the International Socialist Bureau, is a member, after having presented to President Wilson its official protest against alleged German atrocities in Belgium, left for Boston. Later the commissioners will go to Chicago.

Hearst Publishes Another Lie.—The Hearst newspapers are publishing another lie, claiming that the International Socialist movement has disbanded. The next International Socialist Congress, to be held in the near future, will show that the Socialists of the world are more united than ever.

Hop Pickers Denied Retrials.—Richard Ford and H. D. Suhr, hop pickers sentenced to life imprisonment as a result of the Wheatland, Cal., riots, have been denied a retrial.

GREAT NATIONAL HUNGER UPON US

BY ALLAN L. BENSON

The greatest crops in the history of the country have made food plentiful.

We are nevertheless facing the probability of great national hunger.

Prices are so high that most of those who are employed are compelled to skimp.

And, in the face of this impending calamity, we are actually shipping foodstuffs out of the country as rapidly as we can get ships to carry them.

These facts constitute an indictment against our common sense.

It is astounding that a great people should tolerate conditions under which millions may go hungry in the midst of plenty.

In the name of heaven, how shall we go about it to get food if producing it in abundance is not sufficient to satisfy hunger?

When crops are poor, the gentlemen who own this country tell us that we must suffer because food is scarce.

But now that food is plentiful they do not tell us that we may eat.

We are to be plagued and tormented now for other reasons.

The fighting armies of Europe want our wheat, our meat our eggs, our butter and our sugar.

The kings and emperors who are buying food for the fighting armies of Europe have more money than American workingmen have and can therefore pay higher prices.

Worst of all, we stand for this miserable excuse—and others as bad.

We fold our hands and see our food go out of the country, knowing full well that if every one here were fed, we should have little or none to export.

We boast of our intelligence when as a community we have not enough sense to eat the food we have raised.—In Pearson's Magazine.

SUFFERING AND STARVATION AMONG POOR OF CHICAGO.

In Chicago there is at present suffering, yes, even starvation among men and women and children of which we are scarcely cognizant.

Deep down in the lower strata of our city life there exists a condition of affairs that is startling.

Men, many of whom are accustomed to holding responsible positions, others of the shifting classes who drift from one employment to another, are out of work. They are walking the streets every day looking for what is at present scarcer here than anow in the tropics, employment.

Instead of encouraging reports every day brings the news of more plants closing up. Men are laid off in a hundred firms and no new hands are being employed. To add to the general distress, food supplies, though apparently plentiful, have risen to unprecedented prices.

This with unemployment means suffering of the worst kind in thousands of families. Starvation is no longer a possible dread, but a fact among many.—New World, Chicago Catholic Weekly.

Troops Return from Vera Cruz.—President Wilson has ordered the naval and military forces of the United States to evacuate Vera Cruz. General Carranza has called a convention of revolutionary chieftains to convene October 1.

Rosas Freed in Rangel Case.—The defense in the Rangel-Cline cases now on trial in San Antonio, Texas, is just fairly getting into action. D. R. Rosas, whose case was the first to be put on trial, has been acquitted.

WOMEN TO JOIN CRUSADE AGAINST FOOD PIRATES

BY WINNIE E. BRANSTETTER.
Socialist Party National Woman's Correspondent.

Every one of the one hundred million men, women and children of the United States are interested in the food crisis in this country brought on by the European war.

Indications now are that this crisis will be all the more acute this winter because of the increasing unemployment. Thousands of men, women and children will be brought to the verge of starvation because the food supply of the nation is in the hands of the food pirates, gambling with it in an effort to enrich themselves.

The Socialist party, in the nation, in every state and in every city, is doing its best to fight this gambling in the nation's food. It has put in circulation a petition with which to fight the food barons and force Congress and President Wilson to conserve the food supply.

The Socialist party National Executive Committee has just met in Chicago and decided to continue the campaign in behalf of this petition with all the energy at its command.

The circulation of this petition and the work connected with it in the National Office of the Socialist party at Chicago has been placed in the hands of the Woman's Department. This is very appropriate.

Every mother is interested in the welfare of her children, who must suffer the most when the father has lost his job and is unable to furnish the family with bread. The housewife is the first to feel the pinch of the rising food cost. The mother and the wife feel it first when the food barons extorts additional profit and levies a heavier tribute upon the nation's kitchen.

It just happens that this is the Woman's Anti-War Issue of The American Socialist. It also contains a copy of the petition that must be circulated in the war against the gamblers in food. Read the stirring and arousing appeals to be found in the articles in this issue by Eugene V. Debs, May Wood-Simons, Geo. R. Kirkpatrick and Meta L. Stern. Then cut out the petition in this column, paste it on ruled sheets and start out to get names. This is work for men, women and children. But this should be a woman's war against high food prices, and because it is, we appeal especially in this issue to the women.

In addition to securing names for this petition, circulate the literature that will show the women of the nation why the kitchen is being preyed upon by the pitiless forces of plunder.

The Socialist party has already covered the nation once with one million leaflets entitled, "Starve the War and Feed America." It will now be covered by another million copies of a leaflet telling "How It Can Be Done." An aroused and educated womanhood should be the biggest power to fight the food robbers. The Socialist party is therefore seeking to arouse and educate the women of the nation.

TEXAS PAYS $500 EACH TO HAVE CITIZENS MURDERED

By Georgia Kotsch.

W. T. McDonald, chaplain and librarian of the state penitentiary of Texas, is begging through the newspapers of his state for citizens to give books and other literature to the state prison library, which he says is meager and dilapidated.

Texas can afford to pay its district attorneys $500 for each man they send to the gallows and a nifty sum for each sent to prison, but it has no money to provide for the mental and moral welfare of the victims of society which it locks in cells and sends its chaplain a-begging for it.

WOMAN AND WAR

By Elisa Taylor Cherdron.

Europe today rises before civilized woman like a vision of hell! Again, sons and brothers, husbands and lovers and fathers, made in the image of God—the precious vintage of the lives of womankind, are damned to murder one another in the most woeful war that has yet stained the world. Lo, the puppet kings of cathedralized countries are pressing on the brows of civilized labor the thorny crown of military despotism!

Woman, of all Christian races, weeps and cannot be comforted, while wealth crazed war-kings plunge the dagger of autocracy into her home and wound her fireside, even unto death.

GOVERNMENT NOW AID OF HIGH PRICES

When government interferes with business it is likely to be in behalf of higher prices. If it is permissible for government to take the side of the bulls, what is there in the constitution or the laws or correct principle to prevent it on occasion from arraying itself with the bears?

All the extraordinary measures now under consideration at Washington are calculated to help out the owners of commodities. The Senate recently passed a bill for the purchase of 15,000,000 ounces of silver to sustain the market for that metal. The same body has passed an act creating government warehouses for cotton, grain, tobacco, naval stores, canned salmon and farmyard, to increase the borrowing capacity of their owners.

The president and Congress are attempting to devise a government-owned merchant marine in order to facilitate shipments of our products. To assist the interests now holding millions of bales of cotton, which there is no immediate demand, the Secretary of the Treasury has ruled that emergency currency may be issued upon warehouse receipts as security. It has even been proposed that vessels of the United States navy should be used in the transportation of grain and provisions.

With a few of these expedients the world has been and is in full sympathy, but it would not have government always and everywhere on the side of those working for higher prices. The same power that finds markets or by financing enables owners to wait for markets is ample to control markets and refuse the avarice of men who without reason or mercy take advantage of consumers.

Most of the great food staples are already cornered. If government is to help forestallers and speculators to dispose of their surplus abroad at high prices, it should take seriously into consideration the policy of compelling reasonable prices at home. There must be no government-made prosperity for the few at the expense of famine for the many.—New York World.

Turn to Socialism.—That thousands of union men will be ready to vote the Socialist ticket at the action of Mayor Baker of Cleveland, Ohio, in vetoing the ordinance making eight hours the maximum day's work for city employes, is the generally expressed opinion in labor circles.

Socialist Influence Shown.—The influence of the Socialists in the French cabinet is shown in a decree authorizing the central government to loan $200,000 to the municipality of Marseilles, to be used in the purchase of wheat and other necessities of life.

People's Monster Petition

To President Wilson and Congress to Establish FOOD SUPPLY DEPOTS

To President Woodrow Wilson and to the Congress of the United States:

Whereas, The speculators are arbitrarily and unnecessarily raising the prices of the necessities of life; and

Whereas, The United States government should conserve and protect the interests of the producers and consumers as against these speculators who are robbing the people, multitudes of whom are already in dire need; therefore

We hereby petition the president and congress of the United States to establish in the strategic industrial and agricultural centers of the nation, FOOD SUPPLY DEPOTS and such other facilities as are necessary to maintain a just market for the producers, and for the purchase of food products, and for the sale of these NECESSITIES OF LIFE direct to the people.

(Paste the above on ruled sheets, secure signatures with addresses, forward the same, bearing your name and address to the National Socialist party headquarters, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.)

NAME ADDRESS

Mothers of America! Do You Wish to See Your Sons Flung Into War Struggle?

By MAY WOOD-SIMONS,
(Member Socialist Party Woman's National Committee.)

Fifteen million women in Europe have, within the past few weeks, seen their husbands and sons march in the ranks of war. One out of every ten of these men will suffer death or injury.

For years these same women have seen the preparations for war going forward. They have seen the people taxed, the best brains of the nations used to increase the inventions for killing men, and the young manhood of the race debauched and brutalized by service in the army.

The military spirit has been planted and nursed in the youth of these nations through the press and schools of their countries. Now Europe is reaping the whirlwind.

While the men have marched to nameless graves in the trenches, the women have remained to carry on the work at home and care for the young. Harrowed by anxiety, the mothers of the working class will suffer for food. So the next generation will reap a blighted harvest of abnormal offspring resulting from starved and nerve-racked mothers and weak fathers, for the war takes the best of the nation's manhood. This will be the legacy of the early twentieth century to the next generation.

Do American mothers wish to see their sons flung into the same struggle that goes on in Europe? In a recent issue the Chicago Tribune, largest organ of the progressives in this country, spoke in favor of the increase of the armament of the United States. Will women voters support this policy of the Chicago Tribune, or any party that stands for increasing the means of war?

In this country, too, the ruling powers are planning and moving to build up a great war machine, and tell us it is necessary, for it will make for peace. Europe has lived in an armed peace. Now the volcano on which Europe's peace rested has exploded. Europe lived in a state of chronic terror of the day when this inevitable struggle would come.

If the war organ in society, the army and navy, is built up to overshadow all other institutions, it is bound, some time, to be put into action by the nations that maintain it.

For a generation great military preparations have gone on in Europe. They were created by the military class for action. Now they are in action. Peace was not the result of the building of armaments and the greatest of world wars has come as a corollary of the greatest perfection in world armaments.

To talk of increased armament and then urge peace is the barest hypocrisy. Let the women demand full disarmament, nothing less.

While the mothers of Europe are facing the trial of blood and fire the mothers of America are watching the insidious sapping of the strength of their young. With half a world at war the industries of those at peace are unsettled. Men are out of work. And, most of all, the same class that in Europe has thrown the workers to the dogs of war has in this country taken this opportunity to increase the cost of food and clothing.

Just as in the Civil war, a few saw a chance to make a fortune out of that slaughter, by the sale of goods, so today the great American monopolists are using the European struggle to pile up profits for themselves.

One may shrink with horror from the war-mad rulers of Europe and the whole military caste that plunges millions into war, but one must class along with these for brutality, the cool, calm, calculating American capitalist who deliberately figures out the slaughter of the innocent by increasing the cost of living for a people, millions of whom are already at the subsistence point.

This is the time for the working women to make their demand that the nation shall control the means of life. Let the nation take over the food supply and the means of transportation and administer them for the people at the cost of production.

This demand can only be made effective when there is behind it a body of workers voting the Socialist ticket.

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NEED INTERNATIONAL ACTION.

There is greater need now than ever before of international action among the Socialists of the world. The Socialists of the warring European nations, as well as those of the nations at peace, must get in touch with each other and plan for the future.

The first real attempt to bring this about has been made by the American Socialist party in sending its peace message to the Socialists of ten European nations. Any action taken by the international Socialist movement must be built on a thorough understanding of the big problems confronting the Socialists of all the nations involved.

The best explanation of the action taken by the German Socialists in meeting the war craze is given by H. W. Lee, secretary of the British Socialist party, writing in Justice, the official organ of the British Socialists. He says:

"It is now becoming clear that after the proclamation of the martial law on July 31, the people of Germany were kept in ignorance of what was being done until Bethmann-Hollweg made his statement on the Reichstag on August 4. Germany declared war on Russia on Saturday, August 1. This fact was known the same night in Copenhagen, but it was not known in Germany until Tuesday, August 4, and then it was announced together with statements that both Russians and French had crossed the frontiers, thus making it appear to the whole nation that the war upon which it was entering was one of national defense. In common justice to the mass of German people this should be made known as widely as possible. It explains also how the Socialists in the Reichstag came to vote for the war credit."

This would indicate that the German Socialists were trapped into giving their aid to finance the war.

The French and Belgian Socialists have issued a joint manifesto to Socialists of other nations. It is said that this manifesto is being spread broadcast through the German armies from French and Belgian airships.

This manifesto reviews the crisis which led to the present war, and expresses the fear that "the working class of Germany, deceived by the official news, had no accurate knowledge of the facts." It declares that "the French government was sincerely anxious for peace, and made every effort, in accordance with our demands, to maintain it."

But the German government would have no peace, and, under specious pretexts, invaded Belgian territory.

"These facts," the manifesto continues, "which we submit to the judgment of the international proletariat, will suffice to show from what quarter the aggression came. We are convinced that we are not only defending the independence and the autonomy of our nation against German imperialism.

"We do not fight the German people, whose autonomy and independence we likewise respect. We are sure that once the truth has been established, our action will be approved and joined in by the Socialists of Germany."

It is this complete understanding among all the Socialists of the world that must be brought about as soon as possible in order to secure a peace that will benefit the working class. The Socialist party of America, occupying the strategic position that it does, should be the agency to restore world-wide action and understanding among Socialist.

OUR NEXT SOCIALIST WEEK.

Socialists in this country have gone through their first National Week. Reports coming to the National Office indicate that much and good work was accomplished during this week, September 6 to 13, in many sections of the country.

This Socialist Week activity is being followed by an increased effort for the coming national campaign now upon us.

While every week should be a Socialist Week, for the struggle to achieve the aims and ambitions of Socialism never ends, yet we must all bear in mind that another Socialist Week is coming that will call again for special effort.

The National Committee this year did not meet until the middle of May and this accounts for Socialist Week having been set for the week starting the first Sunday in September. Our next Socialist Week will be May 1, known to Socialists the world over as "International Labor Day."

The time to start preparing for this Socialist Week is now. The National Executive Committee will soon decide upon a plan of campaign. This preparation must be pushed through the state and local organizations. Perhaps the greatest work during Socialist Week this year was done by the Socialist press. The party press must continue to do increased service next year.

This year we were lacking in preparation for such a comprehensive effort. In this we must do better. And lacking as we are, each our next Socialist Week. When our plans are big and effective as great then the results will show big and effective too. We shall gain an increased satisfaction and encouragement.

Every day brings its story of the peace movements by foreign countries seeking to work through President Wilson. There have repeated claims that warring groups centering in New York were responsible for the recent futile efforts for peace made at Washington. This war will only be settled right when it is settled by the workers organized and expressing their desires through the International Socialist and Trade Union Congress.

The Hamilton Socialist, Hamilton, O.—The big question facing the American people this fall time is that of a possible food famine.

AGE OF MEEK MOTHERHOOD PAST

By META L. STERN

Who translated August Bebel's "Woman" from German into English.

FOR ages the mothers of the world have borne and reared sons to be sacrificed on the bloody battle-fields of warring nations. For ages, generation upon generation, this slaughter of youth, this cruel despoiling of motherhood, has gone on and on unchecked, and the mothers of the world have never been asked whether the goal was worth the price.

They have never been asked whether they approved the butchery of their sons as a means of settling internal and diplomatic [illegible] and war. Some [illegible] of mothering humanity.

For ages the activity of love and service, all their creative, life giving, life preserving qualities were rigorously limited to the family and the handicraft industries carried on under the supervision of the mothers, at home. While men went on making great conquests of nature, women just went on making men, more of men to slaughter one another.

But the age of meek, submissive motherhood is past. In every land and among all nations the mothers are reaching forth out of their narrow, domestic circle, and are bringing their motherliness to bear upon the affairs of the world. Today, as ever, the mothers are not asked whether they are willing to sacrifice their sons. But the mothers themselves have begun to question the necessity of this awful sacrifice.

Not only with tear-stained cheeks and breaking heart, but also in a spirit of revolt they have begun to ask: "Why must this be?"

Is there a mother in Europe or America today who would have considered the paltry causes that started this insane war worth the life of her son?

Is there a mother in Europe or America who, if given the power, would not have used all her influence to settle these national difficulties by international arbitration, without spilling a drop of blood?

The mother's voice, the mother's influence, not only in the hearts of men, but also in the homes of the land, is the need of the time. In this present gigantic European conflict, the greatest, the most appalling the world has ever known, that is blasting a million women's lives, will make women think as they never have thought before. Although for the time being it has alienated the women more than ever, just as it has obliterated every other human interest, this war will nevertheless give the movement for woman's complete emancipation a new significance. If, in the light of twentieth century civilization, with all its wonderful achievements of manual skill and mental ingenuity, men—governing the world alone—can still lead humanity into such an abyss, if even the workers of the world, with all their dreams of international brotherhood, have been unable to stay for a moment the mad onrush into mutual destruction, then the coming of women into power must be regarded as mankind's hope and salvation.

Let us remember in these dark days of universal disaster that every word written and spoken for the equality of women is a word against war.

Let us remember that every vote cast for the enfranchisement of women is a vote for universal peace! Let us speed the day, the blessed day, when the mothers of men will have a voice in the government of nations; when they will no longer stand helpless and powerless before a calamity like the present one, exclaiming parsionately, "Why must this be," but can instead proclaim from the fullness of their motherly hearts that war shall be no more; that the era of true civilization has dawned at last.

This Week's Editorial From Socialist Press

MAINE SHOOTS THE BULL MOOSE TO PIECES.

(From the New York Call)

"As goes Maine, so goes the country" is an old saying of the political sharps. And the other day "Maine went, hell bent," to wipe out "Armageddon" on these shores, as represented by Roosevelt's Bull Moosers.

The vote of Maine, in the mass, cannot be said to be peculiarly intelligent, as any observer knows who has lived there. But the politicians of Maine are about as tricky as the average.

It was not intelligence that annihilated the Progressive party in Maine and brought a vote of 45,000 down to 18,000 or so. Had the people of Maine been intelligent they would not have returned to their old political vomit in the Republican and Democratic parties.

Nor was it intelligence that brought about the Progressive vote of 45,000 two years ago. There was nothing more in that than that some of Theodore's spellbinders succeeded in temporarily convincing a sufficient number of Maine voters that they were "dog-gone tired of the two old parties."

That was all the "bottom" there was to Bull Moosism anywhere, and the bottom naturally fell out in Maine.

Armageddon had no economic basis. There was nothing behind it but Roosevelthian wind, fury and bombast. And there was no attempt to supply anything else.

About all that is done is to give a few hundred young lawyer lawyers here and there a chance to "break into politics," to trade and dicker with the old-established political hucksters.

We decline to believe that that some attempt might be made to stiffen it with economic knowledge, and we might have it as an opponent of some worth in future campaigns.

But the Maine voters have shown that there's nothing in it, and nothing in themselves either. And it isn't likely that T. R. will start anything else that will get the one-hundredth part of the attention for it he did for the Bull Moose. The real Armageddon is here now, and spurious imitations have no show whatever.

CONTINUE EFFORTS TO STOP CIVIL STRIFE IN COLORADO.

While scores of striking coal miners are bull-pinned in the "Black Hole" of Calcutta, Colorado, the land of redcoats is again on the brink of civil war, attempts to settle this titanic struggle are being renewed.

The executive board of the United Mine Workers of America accepted the proposition of President Wilson discussed in Associated Press dispatches last week by Adolph Germer. This acceptance was later [illegible] a special conference of the Colorado strikers held at Trinidad.

Wilson's proposition includes a three-year truce, appointment of a mediatory commission by the President, upon whose conditions, reemployment of strikers not found guilty of crime, and the withdrawal of federal troops.

The strikers' convention accepted the proposition after two days' debate by a vote of 85 to 8. All are said to have turned to the coal barons. They held a meeting at Denver and reached the conclusion that they were not ready to accept the entire proposition. They then asked for a special conference with President Wilson and this was granted.

The strikers have gone as far as they possibly could in their efforts to end this historic struggle, and any effort to continue it must rest squarely upon the shoulders of the coal barons the biggest of whom is John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The factional struggle of the copper miners of Butte, Mont., continues practically unchanged since the copper vote as announced by them would establish an open shop.

Impeachment proceedings started against Thomas J. Duncan, Socialist mayor of Butte, prevented his coming of the Socialist party National Executive Committee, of which he is a member.

The Socialist party of Montana, in convention at Helena, adopted a platform which denounces Governor Stewart for declaring martial law in Butte and for sending the National Guard there.

"Muckie" McDonald and James Bradley, respectively president and vice-president of the revolting organization, are held in solitary confinement at Butte pending the filing of formal charges.

TO HIM WHO TOILS.

By Marguerite Head.

Renew thy courage, poor, down-trodden one!
Push on to triumph in life's bitter fray;
This battle for thy rights from sun to sun
Is but the presage of a brighter day.
Hope on! The time shall come when thou shalt know
The gift of freedom from thy trial and woe;
Privation o'er—a glorious victory won—
And thou shalt walk once more 'mid Nature's green;
Thy heritage, the meadow, wood and field;
And all the tributes that their soil can yield
Shall be thine own, with health and strength to glean,
So shalt thou rise above thy sorrow's plane,
Above the turmoil of the lowly strife,
Above the fetters of the care and pain
To learn the blessedness of light and life.

SOCIALIST MAYOR TELLS STORY OF NEW CASTLE, PA.

One of our comrades recently appealed to the National Office for information concerning the Socialist administration in New Castle, Pa. It is said that a shopmate of his was constantly throwing up to him the wretched failure of the Socialists there, and that there as a final proof that Socialism was a failure.

A letter to Walter V. Tyler, the Socialist mayor of New Castle, brought the following reply, which serves not only to answer this particular critic, but also shows how some of the startling stories of "Socialist blunders, inefficiency and failures" are made out of whole cloth:

By Walter V. Tyler, Socialist Mayor of New Castle, Pa.

New Castle really has not a Socialist administration. For twenty years the city has been under commission form of government.

There are five commissioners—two Democrats, two Republicans, and one Socialist. The Socialist is Thomas Armstrong mayor, am president of the council. Four are "business men." Before the struggle, I was a contracting carpenter opposed to organized labor, one a wholesale grocer, one a dealer in feed, hay, etc., and one a former chief of police. Consequently, the Socialist committee editing our party paper, and a bitter enemy of the Socialist party, [illegible]

Socialists Not Surprised.

[illegible] Socialists are no surprise to us, I assure you. I feel sure

They awarded the contract in the old city administration to a friend of theirs, street, domestic and commercial light, water and sewer work, and the work was not completed.

They contracted out the collection and incineration of garbage to private individuals, and therefore that all "graft" of collection and incineration was accomplished, and the results intended by [illegible]

They passed an ordinance permitting any police officers as they desire with [illegible] to carry concealed weapons. In fact there are dozens of instances that could be expected from capitalist politicians, from the entire slate of Republican officers to preparing to club strikers.

We have a Republican municipal administration here about the same as we had under Democratic control, and the Socialist [illegible] in Congress. About all we have been fighting hard to do.

Stripped of All Power.

Our Socialist mayor is the head of government. I have been stripped of all the powers that I had, except to hold police [illegible] and vote in council, and if it was not for the pleasure and propaganda we get out of it, I would not be in the council a few things and show up their [illegible] I would feel that my time here is wasted time. When we go into session everything is decided in advance and voting. They refuse to publicly discuss even questions of the most vital importance.

The other Socialist officials in office this city are the two city assessors and the assistant city clerk, who are doing more work and better work than any other officials in this city are the two city assessors and the assistant city clerk, who are doing more work and better work than any other officials in this city.

SOCIALISM AND LANGUAGE.

The Socialist party now has an organ belonging to the Socialist party, therefore all the Socialist publications have existed in defiance of their own theory of common ownership, and have been conducted by proprietary managements. In the American Socialist, published weekly at Chicago, the party has a newspaper of which it is free from the criticism of an illogical existence.

Also the Socialists are to be congratulated in not having an official organ which speaks much the same language as the rest of newspaperdom. The New York Call [illegible] Socialist it necessary to deal, in every paragraph, in flatulent vituperation, in order to make its meaning clear. This has been one of the strange handicaps under which Socialism has laboured—so many of its writers and speakers have dealt so lavishly in superlatives and denunciatory adjectives as to repel thousands of persons who might have been inclined to give their arguments serious consideration if they had been approached in a manner calculated to reflect thought rather than emotions.

If the Socialists have the solution of all our economic problems at their fingers' ends, as many of them sincerely believe, it will be a good deal easier for them to convince the unconverted by cool, philosophical arguments than by rampaging oratory, either spoken or printed; and this applies quite as much to the man in the street, the illiterate and the foreigner, as it does to those who that great element which knows that there is something wrong with our social and industrial system, but hasn't yet been convinced as to just what it is nor what the remedy is.

If the Socialists make a success of their new newspaper, it will be by reason of its influence upon the country and not a special sect. The more powerful the argument the less necessity for reinforcing it with vitriol.—The Day, New London, Conn.

CIVILIZED WARFARE.

Is there any greater paradox than that expressed in the words "civilized warfare"?

In the volumes of comment upon Europe's struggle this strange association of words is frequently found, used with serious intent and with apparent unconsciousness of its ghastly irony.

What is civilized warfare?

The mortal combat of armored knights in medieval times is looked upon as an evidence of semi-barbarism, but at least it was a contest in which some regard to the amenities proper between brave soldiers, and each combatant had a fair show for the exercise of skill and display of courage.

Under our civilized system of warfare, when possible, we hurl 100,000 men against 50,000 and fall upon the enemy by sheer force of numbers. Man for man, we may lose as many as he, but we have more to sacrifice, and in the name of civilized rules.

The unpleasant scalping habit of the Indian has been regarded as reprehensive by civilized nations. They prefer to drop bombs from airships upon the heads of defenseless people.

The mutilation of the dead enemy, practiced by certain savage peoples who are shockingly devoid of refined sensibilities, naturally distresses us. It is so much more civilized to mutilate the living with capitalistic poison and exploding grenades that scatter a hail of steel-clad bullets. The fact that the mine may destroy a shipload of non-combatants as effectually and intelligently as it destroys a battleship of the enemy detracts in no degree from its great advance upon the barbaric methods of earlier days.

Even in the stone age it was considered rather disreputable to slip up behind a man in the dark and hit him on the head with a flint hatchet. Behold how our civilization has outgrown such squeamishness! Under cover of darkness and the screening wave the submarine creeps upon its prey and leaves its burden of death in the vitals of a dreadnought.—Chicago Post.

HUNGARIANS SUPPORT AMERICAN SOCIALIST

One of the growing Socialist dailies in this country is the mouthpiece of the Hungarian Socialists, the Elore, of New York City.

Our Hungarian comrades are sacrificing much in their efforts to make it a powerful weapon to overcome the press of capitalism. As they carry on their fight, they send this message of encouragement to English-speaking Socialists now active in the work of building up The American Socialist:

"New York, Sept. 15, 1914.

"Dear Comrades: I read, week by week, The American Socialist, the weekly of our party, with Socialists. We believe that all American Socialists, without regard to nationality, feel the same way. We Eastern Hungarian Socialists will do our utmost for the sake of this paper.

"The first thing that we want to do, for a starter, is to give The American Socialist advertising space free of charge in our daily paper, the Elore. We hope to secure a few hundred, possibly one or two hundred subscribers.

"In conclusion, dear comrades, that you send me the copy of what you think will serve best for an advertisement.

"Wishing you every success, believe me to be.

"Fraternally yours,
"LOUIS TAKO, Editor."

The Elore is a product of cooperation that wins. It is the spirit that is building up the Hungarian Socialist daily and that will ultimately secure for the entire Socialist movement in America a press powerful enough to combat with success all the subsidized organs of capitalism

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that they are the most efficient that the city has ever had. The scalar of weights and measures has been unable to find anything owing to the fact that he is even the worst of our enemies admit honest and efficient. He refused to appropriate either for equipment or salary for the inspector of weights and measures.

If you can let me have some idea of what you want in the critic line I shall try to answer them. I know I shall be the most natural thing in the world for the capitalist press to criticize anyone who is fighting for the working class.

NO MORE CREDIT!

The Literature Department of the Socialist party and The American Socialist wishes to announce that henceforth no more credit will be given to anyone.

Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

STARVE WAR—FEED AMERICA.

I am highly pleased with the article, "Starve the War and Feed America," in the August 22nd issue of The American Socialist. The great pity is that so few of the many will be accorded the opportunity of reading it.

Would that everyone in America could have these words so impressed upon their minds that it would be impossible to erase them. Could that be done, not a single man in the United States need fear for the future or regret the time behind even as late as the warlike rulers of Europe.

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GET ON THE JOB.

Every member should be on the job now, and every member until election, after election, if they expect to win LIBERTY for the working class, for the people of the WORLD.

I regret to learn that a great many comrades are not doing anything for the cause. They are laying down. They do not attend meetings. Even some officers do not attend.

Many of these become discouraged others disinterested, some are salesmen, some would-be-politicians, some look at fake baseball games, wasting their time, when we have an important campaign on. What can we do to stir them up?

I earnestly implore all comrades to be active at all times. Comrades, have some propaganda with you at all times and give it out, talk Socialism to your friends, write Socialism to them, and go out and talk Socialism to your non-Socialist papers and magazines.

Now, this is the time of active workers, too. To them I wish to extend the right hand of fellowship for extending the cause. All the praise that can be given them. Those onward workers deserve success as a reward for their tireless efforts.

ERNEST JAMES BRUTELL,
Rahway, New Jersey.

SUGGESTS OFFICIAL ELIMINATOR.

The American Socialist, Fool Proofing Department, Chicago:

Please send immediately to West Haven, Conn., official eliminator for mossbacks. Z. M. Davis, guilty of alleged humor, and the originator of the nauseating, doddering pun on long suffering, hard working comrades, who are likely, now that the firing line has allowed space in their work off the "bad English" rule proposed by Comrade Max Hayes, recommended in January by Comrade Norteva at the N. C. convention which has aroused the ire of a certain experienced comrade. That was some joke. If this couldn't be allowed let us have a pun on "Upon a time a man doth tole our Cesaar fed that he has grown so great."

OPPOSES ALL CAPITALIST GROUPS.

[Editorial Note: This was sent to the National Executive Committee, a copy being also received by The American Socialist for publication.]

The Finnish Socialist local of New York, in its meeting held on July 28, 1914, decided to present for your consideration the following:

"The Socialist party in its fight for freedom of the working class, for the political conditions to own the undeniable principle of class struggle and a uncompromisingly class party, and a Socialist group.

"A paper of the Socialist party in the work of enlightenment of the working class cannot in any manner cooperate with the capitalistic parties or capitalistic, without weakening the effect of the fight directed against the bourgeois press.

"According to the accepted and most important principle of the International Socialism and of the United States Socialist party. The American Socialist, as a party paper, has no right to circulate advertisements of the paper and at the expense of its own circulation to advertise and to circulate the capitalistic Pyramid Magazine in the manner, nor any scheme of reduced subscription price.

"The fact that some well-known party members, to secure their living, are obliged to sell some labor power to the capitalistic periodical, does not by any means authorize the central office of the Socialist party to use its own owned paper to help the circulation of the bourgeois publications.

"By such tactics we directly prevent the establishment and support of our own scientific Socialist press, and the money and secure readers to such papers that oppose the Socialist party, and we put our own papers in peril.

"We must keep class lines clearly defined, and that there is any misunderstanding with any capitalist concerns that are speculating in the name of Socialism."

M. W. BRUUN,
Organizer.

HOPE IS GREAT.

Please note that money order is enclosed for 100 copies of the Socialist ruling leaflet, "Starve the War and Feed America."

We are certainly proud of The American Socialist. Every issue is a greater inspiration to our work. Keep up the article for propaganda.

The Socialist Comrades realize that the time is ripe, and rotten ripe, for change. They are getting busy with new vim, and the capitalistic parties have would rather have cobwebs in their houses than on their brains. We are entering upon a campaign of far-reaching importance, which demands our utmost activity.

To do less than our very best to assist in carrying the message of the Socialist in our duty to the cause. So much depends upon the genuine congeniality among comrades.

A few plucky, determined women is a beacon and inspiration to other local locals. Don't fail to get your wife interested. It means a big help along the road of duty and duties in the agitation of our class.

We are in good hopes for the coming election, and earnestly hope for your co-operation in the campaign. Yours for the cause,

Also send 100 copies in union to "Starve War—Feed America."

Echo of "Peace on Earth" must soon resound to the four corners of the earth. Hemostitch the Socialist ruling.

GEORGE W. CHARETTE,
Finan. Secy., Ft. Collins, Colo.

SOCIALISM AND RELIGION.

Comrade Wetherbee, I regret that the opinion that the progress of the party organization has been retarded by the religious prejudice of the members of the movement with sentiment, emotion etc.

In my opinion it will be a sorry day for Socialism when its adherents lose their heart and mind are subjugated by the dispassionate, cold, calculating, almost mechanical spirit. If Christianity, contributing sentiment and emotion to the movement, let us be grateful for emotion is the very dynamic of any movement. Emotion has always been the cause the burden of the class struggle. Emotion has always been the cause that we would die of broken hearts or be imprisoned, ostracized, and in the past, we lived in the realm of sentiment, whose vision pierces the gloom of reality and sees that ideal world of peace and justice. Let us to action to reach it.

I have observed that we win men and women who are in the ranks of the church the head for it matters not how sound our premises may be or how irrefutable our logic, unless their sentiment is stirred, they will does not respond. The average person believes that what he wills to believe whether it is rational or not.

I fail to see how true religious belief impedes action. A few years ago the writer inquired of a so-called atheistic Socialist: "What do you gain by your atheism that you lose by being a Socialist?" Pointing the conversation he told me that he was a Socialist because it might enable him to gain "heaven." Not to quibble in the freedom of his atheistic belief, he was a Socialist because he believed that the living God is back of the movement and will only trust him, was declaring his atheistic beliefs anywhere, but naturally subject to fear. Which one could be Socialist movement would lose by loss?

It is my opinion that the movement has suffered most from atheism and worse but it is encouraging to see that the sentiment is changing in the party against the use of liquor and to some extent against tobacco. The right to use, or not use, is a question of personal liberty. Yet, there is reason why they could not consider the Christian show favors and get control of the party inside, until they so permeated that splendid organization with the spirit of imperial Christianity that it has never fully regained its former glory and power. Give Socialists of today reason for being against the church but rather attend its meetings and mix with the christian people, engage in discussion in the Bible classes and become such a factor in the church that you will be able to sway the life of religious sentiment toward Socialism and so not corrupt the church as the ancient Romans did but so lift it up that it will not corrupt us.

What we need for the movement is the proper blending of the practical thinking and materialistic tendencies of the agnostic, the vision of the poet, the faith of the Christian, O. E.

HERVEY PIERCE,
41 Chestnut St.,
Utica, N. Y.

ABOUT APPEAL FOR LEADER.

The spirit of resignation in which the members of the Milwaukee Leader Protection—vote "yes" on the Berger proposition, to establish the principle of appealing to the locals for aid for the Milwaukee Leader is conclusive evidence that the spirit of the N. E. C.

Now, in my judgment, Berger should be resolutely opposed to such a method, should go to one of the capitalist class parties where they are used to political intrigue, and the political bull rings that hang in their noses.

As a member and active contributor—and not a retainer—of the Socialist party, I want to protest against the party fostering the private enterprise of Berger and herding us upon the rank and file to put an end to retainers and politicians and hold the party to the principle of democracy and equality.

Secretary Harbor Springs Local,
Harbor Springs, Mich.

PARTY PRESS PLAN.

I noticed in the last issue of our paper that an appeal for financial help comes from the Milwaukee Leader, and I see some pro and con reports of the Socialist locals throughout this country with the consent of the National Executive Committee (Duncan voting no).

Comrades, I think it is time to call on Comrade Bandlow and Comrade Berger, the Chicago Socialist. Why not consider this: Will we not monthly or quarterly papers with The American Socialist? That is, I mean their mailing lists, and then put them out of business.

For instance, merge the Appeal to Reason into a propaganda page, the Illinois Miner into a propaganda page, the Milwaukee Leader and New York Call, into the Daily American Socialist, publishing at their respective plants, at present, until other arrangements can be made.

Do this with every daily, weekly and monthly Socialist paper, and we would end thereby cutting out all of the waste of money and energy necessary to maintain the vast amount of labor, time and with them the repetition that goes with individual publications.

We must conserve our resources and energies by eliminating all of these excess papers and magazines.

We can better afford, and it will do the movement more good to send a dollar a year to our national organization for a paper or magazine than to divide it among the great number of individual Socialist so-called editors who seem to consider it their duty to pay for their utterances.

Not to provide for these editors and writers, let us employ as many as possible on The American Socialist; the while on The American Socialist job.

We can also establish a public publicity department to take over the enormous steam of the membership and we can provide for a department of business to attend to take care of both the so-called reds and yellows.

Yes, for goodness and Socialists' make, let's do away with the terrible expense of the numerous and worthless privately-owned papers and magazines. Let us run them out of business through competition, if we can not do any better. Let The American Socialist have a department covering everything and having every characteristic of every kind of Socialist publication, then watch the movement grow when it is relieved of the burden.

JESSE T. BRILLHART,
Omaha, Neb.

REPLIES TO ENGELDRUM.

With all comradely consideration for Comrade Engeldrum, I beg to reply to his "Socialist Party Quandary," in issue of September 12 of The American Socialist.

You start out, correctly enough, with the statement that there is something radically wrong with our party organization; and I think, we all will heartily make a poor guess as to what the "something" is. I have been an active member of the party for 12 years, and my observation forces me to the conclusion that the main inefficiency in which you complain, is easily traceable to far different causes from the mere mechanics.

First, as to church-unity. I have been associated with several different locals, and I was unable to notice any difference in the attitude of those comrades who belonged to a church and those that did not. This subject has been rightly debarred from locals. I am not a church member, but am quite relative in my religious views as well as political; and do not believe in any form of fanaticism. Nevertheless I have known comrades driven out of the local by a clique of "Free Thinkers" and in that instance, I agreed with them. In my humble opinion there is no more "Christian" spirit than there is in a quite certain that fanaticism of either kind is far from the spirit of the condition of which you justly complain. In regard to "Direct Legislation" I, with exception of a very few localities, I cannot be shown that direct action has anything to do with the matter. It is a fact that the capitalistic parties failing to pay dues, or leaving the party, I add my comments, as to with our party organization, tactics, and status; and you are very, very, far from the truth in your "Socialist Party."

The trouble with the political action of democratic organization. Political action without industrial action is futile, and it is impossible to do the work of both. Industrial cooperation, or nothing coming in through our organization. Reverse the process and make industrial cooperation make it to a man's interest financially to do so and you will not have to coax and beg to join the party, pay dues and discharge his duties as a Socialist. Industrial action is a reality, political action is but practicing capitalism, in the trouble with the Socialist party, and I believe any man can deny it.

O. F. HINE,
Port Jervis, N. Y.

PARTY OWNED PRESS.

I have read with interest the comments for and against a party owned paper. I add my comments as follows:

With reference to the Socialist who contributed an item stating that The American Socialist should be a party owned paper, I would have been made a paper handled on a basis that would indicate Socialists "practiced what they preached," and that the question of the paper interested would have bought shares in a co-operative company to so handle, I should like explanation in what way it would be more thoroughly "Socialized" its handling than the present method in which it is more widely "socialized" and managed no doubt very similarly as it would have to be if limited to a more narrow circle and those contributing or purchasing a share in a co-operative company created to handle its publication.

I prefer its present ownership and control by the Socialist party and

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Reading Notices.

The American Socialist will accept reading notices in this column at the rate of 10 cents a line (8 words to the line) or $1.40 an inch.

THE EYE-OPENER—Helmstadter, Scientific Magazine in America. 5 cents trial subscription for religious and anti-religious. 10 or more Socialists. The Eye Opener, Morris Park, Chicago.

TYPEWRITERS—$10 up. Sent on approval. Rent one month, then if you decide to keep it, rent for one year. Write for catalog. Typewriter Emporium, 202 S. State, Chicago.

SOCIALISTS—What you need is a Socialist Sunday School Class. Write Social Christian, 14 page magazine, 10 cents a year. Social Christian, 1441 S. Desplaines, Chicago.

MAKE BIG MONEY—No money proposition; write for particulars. Chicago Forcelyn Works, 1441 Desplaines St., Congress and Leffin sts., Chicago.

SALESMEN—MANAGERS — Men or women wanted at once; big proposition; no money required; we furnish plan; send no money. World Mfg. Co., 1444 Wright Bldg., Davenport, Ia.

WHIRLWIND BUCKERS for sawing new article; not sold in stores; write for particulars. C. Brown Mfg. Co., 594 Clybourn, Chicago, Ill.

GET BIG MAIL from all parts of world; send dime and have name placed in Wilson's Mail Order Trade Directory. Harvey Eugene, 1556 Dearborn, Chicago.

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management by National officers who are subject to recall at least readily when up for re-election. I give little credit to objections that those in control will create a "machine" to "perpetuate their control." If those interested read the paper and find any suspicions of theirs that such a move is under way they should first contribute their comment to the "public forum" column. If denied publication, take it up through their locals and have the local act on the matter. If contributions from locals are ignored, concentrate efforts on a change of management. Perpetuating control can be had by a management that denies a hearing to those who oppose management if those who oppose are sufficiently interested to adopt sensible opposition that is, get definite proof of denials of publication to opposing contributions and then use to influence change in management. No managers are apt to meet the exact preferences of many of us. If they approximate them, they are to be satisfied.

I would suggest that serious consideration be given to arranging for all party members to secure the management. This would be possible in some manner, and I believe it is almost desirable out of National Funds. It would bring before the locals the duties, responsibilities and supply all with data as to publications of the National Office and no doubt influence many of us to attend more meetings. Lack of such publicity and secure results comparable [illegible]

It would eliminate a considerable "lost motion" in the party, and what would then be unnecessary cost of printing and distribution of referendums, etc.

It could possibly desirable be arranged that all referendums and strictly party remarks etc., in which the general public might not be interested should appear in the first issue each month and others be provided with greater proportion of general propaganda matter. This would allow the locals to handle the matter files on reports and party matters to so as without retaining all copies and scanning an unnecessary bulky library and monthly issue to handle perhaps than clipping all issues.

In lieu of contribution to the "one day wage fund." In cash or ten dollar bills I would contribute to the "American Socialist" which kindly forward to address below.

FREDERICK G. SWANSON,
Rubna Canal Zone.

NATIONAL PARK STATEMENTS.

It may be of interest to the comrades to know that the press copy department at Washington, D. C., has called for a statement from the National banks on August 24. They were requested to keep it from the public.

The very fact that the call would not have been made until late in November under normal conditions, is the reason for secrecy. Only prudential. The reason is clear. Every one ought to know it. Press this letter.

Executive Department

WALTER LANGHAMM ..... Secretary

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Official Business

Proposed National Referendum by Local Norfolk, Va.

Whereas, The terrible war in Europe has shocked the moral sense of the civilized world and brought greater realization of the horrible monstrosity of war, which always inflicts the greatest and most unspeakable misery upon the working class, and

Whereas, It is high time to propose some definite plan for the prevention of any more wars between nations, and

Whereas, This is a great national issue that should be presented to the people in the next election and understood by the National Congress, therefore be it

Resolved, By Local Norfolk of the Socialist party in Virginia, that we present to the National Committee of the Socialist party for submission to the membership as a referendum the following motion, i. e.:

Resolved, That there shall be included in the platform of the Socialist party as one of the "Political Demands" the following proposition:

"We demand the greatest possible efforts by the United States government for the establishment of an international Congress and Tribunal to be maintained with such adequate power to enforce arbitration between all nations and to prohibit the use or maintenance of any other armed forces except such as may be required by each nation for the preservation of its own internal peace and order."

COMMENT:

This proposition appears to us to be the only practical plan to insure civilization against wars pending the coming of universal Socialism, as well as relieving humanity of the ever increasing burden of national armaments. The adoption of this plan would mean practically "International Arbitration," which has long been the hope of true pacifists (as a relatively small and simple international force would be all that would be required to enforce arbitration), and it would also be the strongest conceivable factor towards internationalism or the brotherhood of mankind.

This proposition seems to us to be thoroughly in accord with the principles of International Socialism, but we request the ideas of other comrades and invite a general discussion.

We also request the publication in The American Socialist of an article on the same to our notice while preparing this proposition, written by Comrade Lucia Di Wong of San Francisco, and was published in the August issue of the National Socialist.

Approved by the constituent organizations and membership of Local Norfolk, Socialist party in Virginia.

This local has 44 members.

PROPOSED NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION.

By Brewer of Kansas.

That the Committee on Immediate Action, if clothed with proper power, and if not, then the National Executive Committee, be instructed to proceed at once, through every possible channel, to secure signatures to a petition to be forwarded to the proper Washington authorities, representing the Congress of the United States, the following memorial; demand:

With the war clouds ominously gathering over the United States, which may at any moment precipitate us into the European conflict, it is the duty of every American to insist upon Congress removing every possible influence tending to jeopardize the peace of the nation.

War is most likely to come through the possession of our Philippine and other Pacific holdings, so held for the sole purpose of further fattening our already hog-rich financiers.

It is estimated that the United States expends in military armament, forts and other war and preparatory war expenditures in the Philippine Islands at least 13 of the people's money for every 1 profit made for our capitalists.

Japan is living in constant expectation of war with the United States over the Philippine question, and should it not be brought about during the present European conflict, it is universally believed that with conditions remaining as they are, a clash is sooner or later inevitable between this nation and Japan.

The lives of our working people and the continued peace we have enjoyed are too sacred to be thrown away on account of some alien possessions from which a few of our brutal twentieth century buccaneers only derive any possible benefit.

Under these circumstances, and in order to eliminate every known possibility that could involve us in a war, we, the undersigned citizens of the United States, most emphatically insist that Congress immediately vote to relinquish the Philippines and other Pacific holdings and give to these islands their very much desired independence.

Submitted for seconds September 28.

ONE-DAY WAGE FUND—AUGUST.

Sarah N. Cleghorn, Barre, Vt.	$ 2.50
Collected from Local Tacoma, Aberdeen, Wash.	11.35
Col. by M. Paul, Hackensack, N. J.	10.42
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Wm. Wolks, Jacksonville, Ill.	1.00
W. A. Pulfreyman, Angola, Ind.	1.00
W. F. Darrell, Avoca, Ind.	1.00
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Col. by J. J. Jensen, Salt Lake City, Utah	19.25
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John Smith, O'Fallon, Ill.	1.00
E. R. Armstrong, O'Fallon, Ill.	1.00
Col. by State Sec'y, Ohio	7.00
R. R. Swartz, Ashtabula, Ohio	2.25
Col. by State Sec'y, Massachusetts	10.70
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Col. by Arthur Olson, Minot, N. D.	43.75
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Robert Day, Roanoke, Va.	2.00
Col. by F. M. Brace, Wallowa, Ore.	2.00
J. Arthur Scott, Libby, Mont.	2.00
Col. by Fred Brown, Phoenix, Ariz.	2.35
Col. by Oscar Helgesen, Elk Point, S. D.	1.50
A comrade, Bellingham, Wash.	2.15
Col. by M. Sonetz, Brooklyn, N. Y.	13.70
Col. by F. C. Hall, Missoula, Mont.	41.00
Col. by Mrs. Flora Bartlett, Edmonds, Wash.	1.00
Oscar Peterson, Ludington, Mich.	2.00
Finnish organization	2.65
Col. by H. Tonkonen, Aurora, Minn.	11.00
Col. by R. K. M. Pole, Seattle, Wash.	1.00
R. W. Kerkvine, Ashtabula, Ohio	1.00
Local No. 1, Red Lodge, Mont.	13.70
Richard Peter, Northport, L. I., N. Y.	20.00
Col. by W. Wirkkunen, Washburn, Wis.	5.40
Col. by R. Graham, Hudson, Ariz.	5.20

BIG CAMPAIGN TO SECURE "ONE MILLION VOICES FOR SOCIALISM" IS NOW ON

THE slogan of "ONE MILLION VOICES FOR SOCIALISM" was inspired by Charles Edward Russell, writing from the field of slaughter in Europe and voicing the desire, "I wish I had a million voices to tell what I know in every corner of America!" Through one million subscribers to The American Socialist and one million dues-paying members of the Socialist party, the American Socialist movement hopes soon to have one million voices speaking for Socialism and peace throughout the land.

Great Membership-Subscription Contest

Not until there existed a party-owned news and propaganda paper was such a contest possible.

Not until many locals all over the country had decided to send The American Socialist for 40 weeks to all their new members did it become practicable.

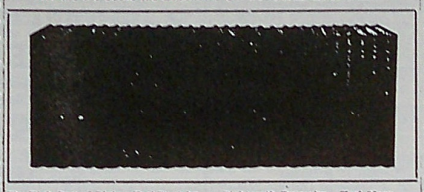
It is now going to take place.

It will be a contest that will increase the membership of the party, and at the same time will add a host of new subscribers to The American Socialist.

Here are the details of the contest, which can be participated in only by such locals as have decided, or will decide before October 15, to send The American Socialist for 40 weeks to all their new members.

The contest opens on October 15. The local that sends in the most subscribers, who are at the same time new party members, to The American Socialist before December 15, will receive a set of the LIBRARY OF CLASSICS, consisting of 30 cloth-bound books containing all the most important works on Socialism and science. It is a library that any local might well be proud of.

Here are the books the LIBRARY OF CLASSICS consists of:



The High Cost of Living, Karl Kautsky.
Value, Price and Profit, Karl Marx.
The Class Struggle, Karl Kautsky.
Socialism, Utopia and Scientific, Frederick Engels.
Communist Manifesto, Marx and Engels.
Socialism, Its Growth and Outcome, Morris and Bax.
Social Revolution, Karl Kautsky.
Origin of the Family, Frederick Engels.
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Memoirs of Marx, Wilhelm Liebknecht.
Ethics and Materialistic Conception of History, Karl Kautsky.
Class Struggles in America, A. M. Simons.
Science and Evolution, Ernest Untermann.
Social and Philosophical Studies, Paul Lafargue.
The Art of Loafing, Arthur M. Lewis.
The Evolution of Man, Wilhelm Boelsche.
Eighteenth Brumaire, Karl Marx.
The Evolution of Property, Paul Lafargue.
Evolution, Social and Organic, Arthur M. Lewis.
Germs of Mind in Plants, R. H. France.
Human, All Too Human, Frederick Nietzsche.
The Making of the World, Dr. M. Wilkins Ballard.
Positive School of Criminology, Enrico Ferri.
Revolution and Counter Revolution, Karl Marx.
The Right to Be Lazy, and Other Studies, Paul Lafargue.
Socialism for Students, Joseph R. Cohen.
Stories of the Struggle, Maurice Winchevsky.
The Triumph of Life, Wilhelm Boelsche.
Vital Problems in Social Evolution, Arthur M. Lewis.
World Revolutions, Ernest Untermann.

AN ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE.

As an additional incentive to the individual members we will give the finest watch charm which we have in our jewelry department to the individual member who is responsible for the securing of the greatest number of new members.

RULES OF THE CONTEST.

1. Only such locals as are now sending The American Socialist to all new members, and such locals as decide to do so and have their names entered before October 15, can participate.

2. All letters bearing on the contest must be plainly addressed on the outside of the envelope: "To the Contest Editor of The American Socialist."

3. Lists of subscribers must be sent in by the local secretary. We rely upon your honesty to send only such subscribers to the Contest Editor as are bona-fide newly-accepted members of the party. All other subscribers must be sent to the regular address.

4. The local secretary will keep account of the number of new members brought in by each individual member, and will notify us December 15 which member is the winner in his particular local.

What especially makes this contest valuable is that even if some of the members were to be over-zealous in securing new recruits, and the new member were to drop out of the party after a short while, the local is almost certain to get him back again, because of the fact that even if he fails to pay his dues he will be receiving The American Socialist, which is bound to make a party member, and a good one, out of him in the near future.

Following is a list of the locals which are at present sending The American Socialist to all new members, and can therefore participate in the contest.

REMEMBER THAT UNTIL OCTOBER 15 YOUR LOCAL CAN STILL ENTER.

LIST OF ELIGIBLE LOCALS TO DATE.

California—Oakland.
Connecticut — Bridgeport, Hartford, Mystic, South Manchester.
Colorado—Fort Morgan.
Iowa—Marshalltown.
Illinois—Bloomington.
Florida—Lake Worth, Fort Pierce.
Massachusetts—Orange, Springfield.
Maine—Portland.
Michigan—Arcadia, Bear Lake.
Minnesota—Crystal, Minneapolis.
North Dakota—Sisseton.
New Jersey—Newark, Montclair, Paterson.
Nevada—Yerington.
New York—New Rochelle, Syracuse, Rochester, Newburgh, Watertown, 31st Assem. Dist., New York City, Branch No. 1, New York City, Branch No. 12, New York City.
Ohio—Cleveland, Lancaster.
Oregon—Salem.
Pennsylvania—East Allentown, North Braddock, Shamokin, Reading, Titusville, Watsontown.
Rhode Island—Pawtucket.
Utah—Ogden.
Virginia—Newport News.
Washington—Tacoma, Port Angeles.
West Virginia—Clarksburg.
Wisconsin—Fond du Lac.

NOW IS THE BEST TIME TO GET INTO THIS CONTEST.

Col. by E. W. Brown, Trenton, Ore. 6.35
Col. by Gilbert Phillips, Barre, Vt. 2.35
State Sec'y, Pennsylvania, collection 11.00
Col. by L. S. McCrillis, Iowa 1.00
Col. by McGill, Valley, Ky. 1.00
Col. by Edward Laina, Wadena, Minn. 6.75
Col. by C. H. Becker, Fort Wayne, Ind. 4.00
Timothy Sexton, Milford, Neb. 2.00
Geo. Van Pelt, Montgomery, Ill. 5.00
Col. by C. F. A. Pfeiffer, Fremont, Neb. 2.00
H. J. Gilkey, Annis, Idaho 2.00
S. S. Cassin, Hollywood, Wash. 2.00
Finnish Local, Hazel Mine 2.75
J. Johnson, Basalt, Idaho 2.00
J. C. Quinn, Basalt, Idaho 2.00
Col. by Herman Rissche, Bachelor, N. D. 8.25
Col. by Gilbert Phillips, Barre, Vt. 2.35
Ammon C. Hannacy, Cleveland, Ohio 2.35
Col. by Jens Cantright, Nebraska 3.75
State Sec'y, Massachusetts 11.87
Col. by Jas. L. Rogers, Rockland, Me. 1.00
Col. by J. F. Kraemer, Brush, Colo. 4.00
W. Pawinski, Hoquiam, Wash. 1.00
Col. by A. D. Atkinson, South Braintree, Mass. 2.35
Finnish Socialist Club, Springfield, Mass. 13.75
Wm. E. Rowlands, West Homestead, Pa. 2.00
Col. from Worcester, Mass. committee 10.10
Finnish Local, Pudding Creek, Cal. 2.00
State Sec'y, Lake Charles, La. 11.00
State Sec'y, Ohio 7.00
Col. by Mrs. Kate Barre, Mt. Washington, Mass. 2.00
T. J. Morton, Los Angeles, Cal. 2.00
E. K. Lemke, Los Angeles, Cal. 2.00
State Sec'y, Illinois 2.00
A. M. Simons, Milwaukee, Wis. 2.00
Col. by Mrs. E. Conway, Hudson, Wis. 2.00
Clarence Olsen, Lindsborg, Kans. 2.00
Finnish Local, Dairytown, Pa. 15.25
Col. by W. A. Davis, Mystic, Conn. 2.00
Col. by John R. Tullett, Rock Springs, Wyo. 2.00
Col. by J. Palmetone, Brisson, Colo. 11.00
Col. by John O. Korpi, Worcester, Mass. 2.00
B. H. Upson, Galena, Ill. 1.00
Col. by T. W. Behers, Salina, La. 2.00
Col. by Leo Mittelmeier, Erie, Pa. 3.35
Col. by M. Stockman, Freeport, N. Y. 2.00
Jacob Oberlies, Union Hill, N. J. 2.00
Col. by Guy R. Phillips, Lincoln, Neb. 13.40
Col. from N. Ellenbaka, N. D. 1.00
Col. by S. Kulkula, Maynard, Mass. 4.00
Col. by Fred E. Irish, Woodford, Me. 7.35
Arthur Witherow, Mandan, N. D. 2.00
Finnish Local, Grand Island, Mich. 2.00
Col. by H. O. Severn, Newark, Ohio 2.00
Collected by A. Carlson, Sheridan, Wyo. 2.00
Collected by W. O. Spencer, Battle Creek, Mich. 14.15
Collected by J. Grundfeldt, Hibbing, Minn. 13.50
Collected by Isaac Kokko, Rock Springs, Wyo. 1.20
Collected by Alice B. Eddy, Portland, Me. 20.00
R. Nevatuaho, Amonia, Conn. 1.50
Paul Reutter, Guttenberg, Iowa 1.50
Fraternal Society, Iona, Colo. 1.50
E. Kunberger, Concord, N. H. 1.50
R. R. Orasis, Portland, Ore. 1.50
Collected by Nick Harmon, Arkansaw, Wis. 1.50
Collected by Peter Ohlsen, Ladysmith, Wis. 1.25
Frank Scherer, Arequia, Idaho 1.50
Henry Raymond, Chicago, Ill. 1.50
Collected by Chas. Lundstrom, DeKalb, Ill. 1.25
State secretary, Wisc. 1.25
Collected by Ed. Rose, Allentown, Pa. 1.25
Finnish Socialist Local, Flint, Mich. 1.25
Wm. Martin, Providence, R. I. 1.25
State secretary, Kentucky 1.25
Local Lorain, Ohio 1.25
Finnish Local Wagner, Minn. 1.25
Finnish Local Superior, Wis. 1.25
Collected by Thos. Bowman, Calumet, Mich. 1.25
Collected by Fritz O. Andrew, Superior, Wis. 1.25
Collected by Elizabeth Williams, Englewood, Colo. 1.25
S. S. Cassin, Westerly, R. I. 1.25
State secretary, Arizona 1.25
Lewis W. Hughes, Brooklyn, N. Y. 1.25
Col. by Hughes, Brooklyn, N. Y. 1.25
Gronley Baker, Chicago, Ill. 1.25
Collected by F. J. Wickman, Pocatello, Idaho 20.00

THIS COLUMN IS FOR ORGANIZATION

In the campaign to carry Oklahoma for Socialism, State Secretary H. M. Sinclair has sent out an interesting compilation of "General Hints to Speakers and Socialist Newspapers." We publish these hints in the organization column, because we feel they can be used in carrying on the Socialist campaigns in other states. Here they are:

1. Emphasize the economic issue and Oklahoma issue. Be clear-cut. Show that the interests of the farmer and the interests of the wage-worker in this and the county seats are not identical. Close consciousness is the beginning of wisdom on the part of the worker. Make much use of the fact that 100 families own half the wealth of the United States. (See Appeal article of recent date.)

2. State clear our immediate program for the betterment of the condition of the wage workers and farming population of Oklahoma. Use the "Immediate Demands and Farmers' Program and Immediate Demands of our state platform and in the Appeal statement, "What the Socialist Party Can Do for the Workers of This State, If It Had Power."

3. Show clearly that the Democrat, Republican and other parties are against the Socialist party, are the parties of the capitalist class of Oklahoma, that the capitalists of this state are a class living on the surplus all exploitation, in employing labor and being masters of its own economic destiny. Show that a political party belongs to those that pay its bills. The Socialist party is owned, financed and absolutely controlled by its membership, by the workers of the state.

4. Appeal to those whose economic interests are served by the Socialist party program; that is, chiefly to tenant farmers and wage-workers.

5. In attacking the "good man" nonsense, that is so prevalent in Oklahoma, do not leave the impression that Socialists are careless in selecting their party nominees, but represent rather that just as "good" and as "honest" as there are to be found in the state. Our guaranty of government in the interest of the workers is founded on our party organization and the wage-worker's interests in addition to their personal integrity.

6. A rapid enumeration of the crimes of the Democratic party against the state of Oklahoma will be very effective, but should be made secondary to the economic issue and the Socialist program.

7. Socialists are concerned with the economic issue, with the bread and butter problem. They are working to do away with all property interests and all exploitation. Socialism takes no stand on matters of religion, leaving that to the individual conscience. Insist that the workers must not be drawn into religious controversies, because these matters take the attention of the workers away from the bread and butter problem and thus keep them divided on the industrial field.

8. Talk and travel on "red card" organization everywhere, at all times. The Socialist party of Oklahoma must come out of the 1914 campaign, a thoroughly fighting machine covering every county in the state. Make careful study the need of a party of the working class organized as the Socialist party is.

Collected by J. C. Kennedy, Chicago, Ill. 4.00
Total for August ..... $ 1,017.33
Previously reported 1,199.13
Total to September 1 ..... $ 2,217.46

FUNDS FOR STRIKING CHILDREN —AUGUST.

State secretary, Mass.	$ .50
Bertha Zietz, Snohomish, Wash.	.25
R. W. Earlywine, Ashtabula, Ohio	.75
J. P. Chamark, Portland, Me.	2.00
L. B. Teal, Grand Rapids, Mich.	1.00
Latvian Branch, Chicago, Ill.	.50
Total for August	$ 4.75
Previously reported	4,359.91
Total to September 1	$ 4,357.74
Expended to date	4,134.58
Balance on hand	$ 212.16

CAMPAIGN FUND—AUGUST.

Collected by J. Ed Carlson, Regent, N. D.	1.00
E. R. Armstrong, O'Fallon, Ill.	2.00
H. S. Sears, Holbrook, Mass.	2.00
Collected by Wm. Cook, Ill.	1.00
Collected by Frank Pabert, Stark, Mont.	2.00
N. Mountain, Cat Creek, Mount Mountain, Cal.	2.00
Andrew Mowry, Warm Springs, Ark.	1.00
Collected by M. A. Penny, Denison, Iowa	2.00
Duncan McDonald, Springfield, Ill.	5.00
Collected by F. H. Stuart, Broadway, Ore.	12.50
Jas. Henry, Pana-Grille, Pa.	2.50
Frank Orlando, St. Louis, Mo.	5.00
Kate Richards O'Hare, St. Louis, Mo.	2.00
John Lynch, Custer City, Okla.	1.75
Collected by C. J. Moody, Fredalia, Pa.	20.00
H. D. Lindholm, Turlock, Cal.	3.00
Collected by Walter Cope, Owasso, Mich.	10.15
Phillip Ruhre, Salt Lake, Utah	1.50
Collected by Owen Larsen, Deadwood, Alaska	24.00
Sunset Heights Local No. 2112, Texas	2.40
Lehigh County Local, Pa.	20.00
Local Creede, Colo.	5.00
Finnish Local, Gloucester, Mass.	2.00
R. W. Newton, Rock Island, Ill.	1.00
Fred Warren, Girard, Kans.	11.25
Finnish Local, Stockett, Mont.	12.25
Local Pinkine, Idaho	10.00
J. J. Griebel, Stockton, Kans.	2.00
Jacksonville Branch, No. 441, Workmen's Circle, Fla.	5.00
Finnish Local, Channell, Mich.	4.00
W. A. & D. R., Philadelphia, Pa.	2.00
Marcellus Wall, Philadelphia, Pa.	2.00
Total for August	$ 209.55
Previously reported	121.85
Total to September 1	$ 331.32

SPECIAL VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENT —AUGUST.

J. Schroeder, Milwaukee, Wisc.	2.25
M. Belcourt, Minneapolis, Minn.	2.00
Local Yuma, Ariz.	2.00
Collected by Max Cox, N. J.	2.25
Fred E. Stevens, Louisville, Ky.	2.00
Latvian Federation, Chicago, Ill.	2.00
L. B. Teal, Grand Rapids, Mich.	1.00
Wm. Schmidt, Seattle, Wash.	2.00
Wm. Martin, Providence, R. I.	2.00
Total for August	$ 15.50
Previously reported	4,021.81
Total to September 1	$ 4,046.31

RUSSIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS —AUGUST.

Collected by Latvian, Jewish, and Finnish sections of the party, Portland, Ore.	$ 20.00

PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS.

State secretary, Mass.	1.00
F. J. Babcock, Evanston, Ill.	1.00
R. W. Earlywine, Ashtabula, Ohio	.25
Alexander Chicago, Ill.	13.35
H. E. Phillips, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
	$ 15.35

CARE PERSON DEPENDENT FUND —AUGUST.

Collected by J. Ed. Carlson, Regent, N. D.	$ 1.00
Bertha Zietz, Snohomish, Wash.	.25
	$ 1.25

The following items were omitted in printer's error from our monthly reports:

March Report.

Local No. 15, I. W. W., Wainwright, contributed $1.00 on Children's Strike Fund.

May Report.

R. R. McAuley, Carter, Wyo., contributed $1.00 on Children's Strike Fund.

June Report.

New York Volksztung, remitted $17.75 on Colorado Strike Fund.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

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HAMBURG, GERMANY, BEST ORGANIZED CITY IN WORLD

It used to be said in Germany in the seventies and eighties that Berlin might be the capital of the German empire, but that Hamburg was the capital of German Socialism.

Since then Berlin has got on very well indeed in the work of Socialist organization, but the Hamburg Socialists, though not now the leading organization, so far as absolute membership is concerned, can still claim preeminence in the proportionate strength and closeness of organization.

The three electoral districts of Hamburg had a total membership of 62,862 at the close of the financial year, — to March 31, 1914, an increase of 6,039 compared with 1913, in spite of depression of trade and the disastrous strike in the shipyards. There are 11,648 women comprised in the above total.

Compared with the votes cast for Socialism at the last general election (1912), there is a percentage of 49.1—that is to say, for every two voters there is one member in the organization.

The party holds the three seats for the Reichstag and has held them for many years. The representation of the party in the Hamburg City and State Parliament is not at all in proportion to the strength of the party, owing to an electoral law which reserves more than three-quarters of the seats to the privileged classes—commercial, legal and landowning—and hereby reduces the remainder by a census and other restrictions.

After paying for all their own expenses, and contributing largely to the funds of the propaganda in the neighboring rural districts, the Hamburg organizations sent $22,250 to the party executive in Berlin, $11,000 more than their dues. Besides this the Hamburg party paper, the "Echo," has a circulation 25,000. Moreover, it has contributed $2,500 of its net profits to the party funds.

To join the party today is your highest duty to yourself, wife, children and fellowmen.

German Socialist Press Protests.—The leading German Socialist newspapers are protesting because the government is employing prisoners on road work instead of using the thousands of German unemployed. Some reports say that among the Socialists in interior Germany there are already whispers of an uprising because it is felt that the country has been deceived by the kaiser.

Labor Will Discuss War.—The European war will be one of the questions discussed at the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, to be held at Philadelphia, November 9.

WORKMEN'S SICK & DEATH BENEFIT FUND

	Number of Members	Amount	Number of Members	Amount
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1890	2,919	35,014.57	252	3,600.00
1895	10,992	310,846.07	1,924	75,581.00
1900	21,616	1,002,398.32	4,123	253,731.35
1905	28,470	1,962,960.32	5,912	587,740.99
1910	37,743	3,226,004.12	7,524	1,087,845.77
1913	42,344	4,149,132.13	8,022	1,466,275.25

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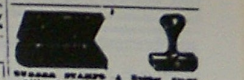

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The American Socialist surely is a Socialist maker. Listen to what Comrade W. F. Rudoll, of Cottage Grove, Ore., writes:

"Enclosed find order for 50 cents, for which send The American Socialist to Mrs. John Baker, Cottage Grove, Ore., for one year. By lending a couple of copies of The American Socialist to this woman, she has become a Socialist and this subscription was secured. She will now soon have her husband reading the paper, then we all know what will happen to him. You are sending out a splendid paper and all Socialists should help to push it along."

This comrade has the right idea. The American Socialist has no equal as a Socialist maker. It is constructive; it fights without bitterness and has the right news at the right time. Its special articles are unequaled.

The comrades seem to realize this, too. This week's boost in the circulation is one of the best we have had for some time. And next week is going to be just as good, if not better.

The Chicago comrades held a picnic last week, and in spite of the bad weather sold $58 worth of subscription cards.

Don't let up, comrades. Keep up the good work.

YOUR LOCAL NEXT?

Locals are still coming in on our plan of sending The American Socialist to all new members. They realize that this is the only way to keep up the enthusiasm of newly-made Socialists.

Our list for this week is as follows:

Reading, Pa.
Vallejo, Cal.
South Manchester, Conn.
New Rochelle, N. Y.
Mystic, Conn.

ROLL OF HONOR

"The American Socialist is the best Socialist paper in America, and the beauty of it is, it belongs to us."—Lawrence Hoopes, Anderson, Ind.

Many of the comrades this week are ordering 52 subscription cards and receive as a premium a copy of "The Human Slaughter-House," or a copy of the "Campaign Book."

Some of the comrades who have given us orders for our cards during the week are as follows: Charles M. Hrummle, Hanover, Pa., orders 12 cards; J. A. Panhorst, Paterson, N. J., orders 4 cards; William F. Eaton, New Brighton, Pa., orders 12 cards; E. Shafer, Omaha, Neb., orders 7 cards; Leland Hinhard, Kenosha, Wis., orders 17 cards; E. A. Deutsch, New York City, orders 28 cards; Edward Perkins Clark, Hartford, Conn., orders 26 cards; W. D. Holt, New Haven, Conn., orders 21 cards; L. H. Hystis, Muskegon, Mich., orders 14 cards; G. M. Church, New Kensington, Pa., orders 12 cards.

A. B. Canady, Lake Worth, Fla., sends in 32 names of new members of Local Lake Worth, Fla.

The comrades of Branch East Allentown, Pa., say they are proud of our paper. You will see their name on the list of locals that will send The American Socialist to all new members.

A modest comrade who does not sign his name sends in a list of 50 from Frontenac, Kans.

Walter I. Brown, Springfield, Mass., sends in his regular weekly order for 21 sub cards.

Henry Bernardt, Schenectady, N. Y., wants to help our paper to come ahead, and sends in a list of 14.

Dallas A. Tickle, Charleston, W. Va., likes the appearance of "I know from its Socialist. He says: "I know from its large lettered and attractive appearance it will be an excellent advertisement for propaganda work." He therefore orders a bundle of 100.

Ithaca, N. Y., comrades are proud of our party-owned paper, and will see to it that their city is fairly represented on our mailing list. At the same time they hand us a list of 14.

"I Kerr, Trenton, N. J., contributes a list of 15.

"Your American Socialist for September 12 is a cracker-jack." Certainly, but our September 26 issue is just as good, if not better.

Mrs. Charles S. Covell, Long Beach, Cal., one of our women hustlers, says: "We have received our first copy of The American Socialist, and like it so well that we are sending in a bundle."

Alone comes J. F. Prost with a list of 10 from Hudson, Mich.

James Hachman, Blainville, Mass., believing that every little bit helps, asks us to put 7 names on our mailing list.

"It is easy to do work for The American Socialist," says Geo. Hutter, Wyoming, Iowa. He then sends an order for 14 sub cards.

"Every Socialist should subscribe for The American Socialist at once. While we must not forget other Socialist publications, the paper we must have almost with might and main, is no more to be left out than any other thing set aside. This is Red Week and everything else is coming on a slow jog, but Socialism is coming on a flying machine. Let us get to great work and prepare to greet her." So saving, I, O. Kinsler, Williamsport, Pa., subscribes for our paper.

The Kenosha Socialists, Chicago, Ill., are doing good work getting combinations and subscriptions. Their last list numbered 19.

"Find enclosed sub card for The American Socialist, but for mankind as well. The paper is fine, Robert Hodges, who has been work for the Socialist party for years, thinks Comrade Hodges never will hereafter vote for the Socialist party."

"If the Socialists of Okmulgee could get a paper like The American Socialist, they would be in good shape. This comment from James Bellinger, Okmulgee, Okla.

"We are offering some attractive premiums for new subscribers. Some are offered in our Premium Supplement, others in our Premium Catalogue, and the "Campaign Book for 1915" is as popular with our contributors as ever.

The following comrades send in lists of 12:

Frank Fiorey, Bridgefield Park, N. J.; Fulton, Shelbyville, Ohio; Matt Hoffman, Milwaukee, Wis.; Frank Anthony, Mishawaka, Ind.; Marion Williams, Bluefield, W. Va.; Wilson Hartgrove, Bluefield, W. Va.; H. A. Hirgens, Ewain, Ark.; Rod. J. McKinney, Winslow, Ark.; A. J. Kutcher, Glen Falls, N. Y.; John Kelly, Glen Falls, N. Y.; Frank T. Benson, Terre Haute, Ind.

Marion Willey, Indianapolis, Ind., says: "Enclosed find subscriptions for the American Socialist. All have to do is to show them the paper and you get their sub." The writer says he will send in more names.

"Let every comrade work for Socialism as they never did before. His first order is for 15 sub cards. Andrew Hill, Little Rock, Ark.

J. C. Bradley, Xenia, Ohio, comes along with a list of 22. He says: "While I was getting them I had several promises that will result in subscriptions later on. We will not forget to send him the "Campaign Book for 1915" for his trouble.

TAFT'S AND ROOSEVELT'S SONS NOT IN OUR ARMY AND NAVY

By GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK,
Author of "War—What FOR?"

THE foul stench from the moral filth in the standing armies and navies of the world should serve as effective warning to all mothers, and fathers of sons. And this sickening odor does indeed warn those parents who know the facts. Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt knew; Mr. and Mrs. Taft knew. Their sons are in the putrid slime oozing from the open sores of militarism.

Why not write to Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Roosevelt about this matter? Ask them for facts. If they are honest and fair to the mothers of America these distinguished women will respond promptly and loyally to every letter from a mother who wishes to protect her sons as these presidents' wives have protected their sons. If they do not reply, then you may be justly suspicious; and if they do reply, COMPARE WHAT THEY TELL YOU with OFFICIAL REPORTS OF FACTS made by the War Department and the Navy Department. Here are some of the facts (and there are very many more such facts):

1. Over two per cent of the men and boys in this country's naval service at the great Norfolk, Virginia, naval port had the most hideous of all known diseases, syphilis; over six per cent had chancre; and almost twenty per cent had gonorrhea. The Navy Department was then proposing to furnish boys in the navy with a package of drugs to be used by the boys when they patronized diseased prostitutes. (See Report of Department of the Navy, 1911, pages 437, 441.)

2. In 1912 the Department of War reported (Report, pages 12, 13) that in the matter of venereal diseases the American army was the most depraved and loathsome of all the armies in the civilized world.

3. In 1909 the War Department made a list of the ten diseases that are most disastrous to American soldiers, namely, venereal diseases, tuberculosis, maleria, rheumatism, tonsilitis, dysentery, diarrhea, bronchitis, measles and typhoid fever; and the Report says (page 117) that venereal disease wrecks more soldiers than all the other nine diseases combined.

4. President David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford University, writes as follows in his latest book, "War and Waste," page 208: "The 'white slave traffic' of today is an outgrowth of the standing army. Requisitions [for girls] have been published, signed by commanding officers, and frankly drawn on associations of pimps."

Unquestionably—no doubt whatever—Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt, Mr. and Mrs. Taft, and the leading bankers and their wives, the most prominent preachers and their wives, and the leading lawyers and very prominent merchants and manufacturers—and their wives—everywhere in this country are thoroughly informed on the morally rotten and befouling conditions in our army and navy; and these PROMINENT, INTELLIGENT, SELF-RESPECTING fathers and mothers are loyal to themselves and to their sons, and therefore do not send their sons into the beastly conditions that ruin the bodies and curse the characters of their sons.

You should do as these prominent people do—get the facts, get the light, and protect yourself and those you love. Visit your neighbor, attend your club, your church, your day school, your Sunday school—and DISCUSS THESE CONDITIONS; inform your neighbors, especially your working-class neighbors. You can at least bring to their attention the OFFICIAL FACTS given above in this article. Mark this article. Lend the paper. Get it back and lend it again—and again.

No wrong can live long if we all discuss it.
Defend yourself and your sons and daughters.
And do this work NOW—while millions are interested in war.

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

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Purpose—To collect, classify and make available all data and information on economic, political and social problems. To furnish information to comrades as they may need it in the discharge of their duties.

Address all communications to Socialist Party Information Department, 803 West Madison Street, Chicago.

COLLEGE EDUCATION IS IN REACH OF ALL PEOPLE.

Dr. Claxton, commissioner of education, says: "Wherever men and women labor in the heat, or toil in the shadows, in field or forest, or mine, or shop or mine, in legislative halls or executive offices, in society or in the home, at any task requiring an exact knowledge of facts, principles or laws, there the modern university serves both its duty and its opportunity."

How universities in every state are reaching not only their regular students, but also thousands of other men and women, is described in a bulletin on university extension, published by the United States Bureau of Education.

In 1891, 28 states reported university extension in some form. Between 1892 and 1906, 12 institutions organized extension teaching, mainly in agriculture, and since 1906, 28 universities have introduced the work while 21 others have reorganized their extension work.

Beginning largely as correspondence, bulletin, and package library work, the extension has now come to include all university service done away from the institution, as well as a certain kind of work done within the institution, such as popular short courses, conferences, extra lectures, etc. Many of the universities give correspondence courses in college subjects and allow credit for such work toward the regular collegiate degrees.

FLORIDA MUNICIPAL ICE PLANT LOWERS PRICES.

Fernandina, Fla.—The municipal ice plant at Fernandina, Fla., is the cause of an ice war in that city. The price of ice last year was 150 cents a block of 100 pounds. The city put in a municipal plant, which went into operation near the first of June and offered the price of $1.50 a ton, and in small lots 60 cents a cake of 300 pounds and 15 pounds for 5 cents.

This price existed until the first of July, when the Southern Utilities Company made a price of $4 a ton, 10 cents a hundred and 5 cents for 50 pounds. It is more than probable that the city plant will continue its operations, as it is claimed it can make ice at a cost of $2 a ton. The plant is the first United States of its size, and according to the figures given out from the books of the city it costs the city the cost of producing ice, they are figuring on about $3 or $4 a ton at their present selling price.—The Municipal Journal.

ANOTHER EFFECT OF THE WAR.

Convinced that one of the results of the present European war will be a great increase in opportunities for foreign students in universities of the United States, the Commissioner of Education, United States Commissioner of Education, has authorized the publication of a special bulletin describing the facilities for professional and collegiate study in higher institutions of learning in this country for the use of foreign students. The bulletin will be printed in several languages. The Claxton department of education says: "Many foreign students are already coming in use, on the side of western South America, that the student migration will be affected by the opportune opening of the Panama Canal.

ANTI-WAR MATERIAL DEFECTIVE.

A Socialist in Flint, Mich., secured from the Information Department material against militarism. He wrote for "a friend who is a war peacer, etc. for a friend who is asked to deliver a talk on the subject in local churches. The talk was so effective that the church had him repeat it a second time to a packed house. He also sometimes drives in a wedge.

PUT ADDRESS ON YOUR LETTERS.

Again we are obliged to make urgent request that our correspondents remember to put their full address on their letters. We have now a request for information on conscription in the state. Anyone who can supply the data, if there are about eleven towns in the state, which the letter comes from, and which one the letter comes from, and are unable to make reply.

HELP US ANSWER QUESTIONS.

The Information Department is flooded with questions. Some of them are tough. And we want to know the nature of some of them that we are having such trouble with.

Now we suggest that every Socialist who is interested in Socialism upon the general subject of Socialism, we would help us answer questions.

The Campaign Book for 1915 contains the information a mass of information right along these lines. Perhaps one-third of the questions that come to us could be answered by any comrade if he had this book at hand.

So we urge the comrades everywhere to get copies of this book, familiarize themselves with and so prepare themselves to be an active part in reporting information on Socialism and helping us to answer questions.

Publisher: Information Department, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

Among Books

"THE TRANSFORMATION OF AMERICAN SOCIALISM."

The above is the title of an article by Edward R. Pease, secretary of the Fabian Society in London, in the New Statesman, August 15.

Mr. Pease makes the following statements concerning the work of the Information Department as contained in our bulletin, "The Legislative Program of the Socialist Party" (Literature Dept., 25 cents):

"For many years there was no Socialism in the world so old-fashioned and unthinking, so dogmatic and doctrinaire, and consequently so feeble and futile as that of the United States. Even yet the Socialist press, so far as seen in England, partakes of these qualities, because the press always represents the ideas of a generation which is dying out. Moreover, American books on Socialism still maintain a tradition of orthodoxy, a lip-worship of worn-out phrases, a reverence for the law and the prophets, which surprises Englishmen.

"But in the Socialists themselves a change has come. The Socialist party, formed in 1901, has made astounding practical progress, and the headquarters in Chicago show an activity in practical affairs which is refreshing to the Fabian disposition. Now for the first time we have before us a connected account of the policy and practice of the American Socialists, which is extraordinarily different from any other document which we have seen emanating from official American Socialism. In the whole sixty-four pages we have not noticed a single reference to Marx, to the law of value, the economic interpretation of history, the iron law of wages, and the other phrases which make up the orthodox Socialist ritual. The strange repellent vocabulary of "fakirs" and "thugs," of capitalists and comrades, generally used by American Socialists, is entirely absent. The whole book is written in simple though graphic English, and it tells us what we want to know, and we prefer to know it.

"These paragraphs are followed by a digest of some of the contents, concerning the Socialist party, its history, their bills, success, etc., and the article closes with the remark:

"Altogether, this pamphlet throws a great deal of light on the new spirit of practical Socialism and the actual methods of government of the greatest democracy the world has yet seen."

Young People's Dept.

Number 16 Director

Let us reach the nation's youth with the message of Socialism and to bring them into the organized Socialist movement through the Young People's Socialist League. Address all communications to

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OPPORTUNITY

The [illegible] which present conditions offer the young man are well shown by Professor Scott Nearing, of the University of Pennsylvania, in his book "Financing the Wage Earner's Family."

Taking the railroad industry, which employs more than 1,750,000 men, as an example, he shows how much chance the wage worker has of ever becoming a manager or a capitalist.

"There were, in 1910, 5,476 general officers directing the activities of the 1,750,000 employes," says Nearing.

"Therefore in the business life of the employe, each employe should have one chance in three hundred of becoming a general officer at some time during his life, provided that the employes live as long as the general officers, and provided further that all general officers are drawn from the ranks of the employes.

"Neither of these assumptions, however, is correct, because in the first place insurance tables indicate that the life of the general officer is somewhat longer than the life of the average workingman. In the second place, the general officers are not always drawn from the ranks.

"Leaving these two considerations out of account, however, it is apparent that the mathematical probability that the average railroad employe will become a general officer is about one-third of one per cent.

"Consider another phase of the situation. Suppose you are a railroad trainman. Mathematically you have one chance in 300 of becoming a general officer at some time during your life. On the other hand you have one chance in 20 of being injured, and one chance in 120 of being killed during each year that you are at work.

"Suppose that your total term of service is 20 years, the chances are one to one that during that time you will be injured and one to six that during that time you will be killed; so that the chance of your being injured is 300 times as great, and of your being killed is 50 times as great as your chance of becoming a general officer in the company which is employing you."

How different this sounds from the advertisements sent out by the correspondence schools or the wonderful stories in Sunday papers.

CHICAGO AND MILWAUKEE CLASH

The Chicago and Milwaukee Federations of F. P. R. L. will hold a series of Field Day events Sunday, September 7, in Milwaukee. There will be a series of foot and athletic events from 12 till 1 p.m., when the two leagues will clash in a football game. The winner of the game will then play one of the teams of the Milwaukee Association. This will be followed by supper and the rest of the evening will be spent in dancing. The Chicago F. P. R. L. will run an excursion over the Chicago-Milwaukee electric, leaving Evanston at 10 a.m. This is expected to be the largest crowd which the two leagues have ever been able to bring out. Milwaukee has generally had the best of the athletic contests, but Chicago's hopes are high.

MAKE BIG RED BANNER.

The Comrade Club of Jersey City, N. J., is making a great silk banner for their organization with the words "Organization, Education, Solidarity" on it. The letters are to be embroidered, and every stitch of the work will be done by members of the League.

OAKLAND AND "FRISCO MEET

"Some big event every week" is the slogan of the San Francisco Y. P. R. L., and they are living up to it. They are holding some exceedingly interesting meetings. On September 24 meet the Oakland Y. P. R. L. in debate at the Rice Institute. The Oakland comrades have "Resolved that the constitution of California should be amended to prohibit the manufacture, sale, and importation of alcoholic liquors." This is expected to be decided at the coast meeting of the young folks November elections. On October 8 we shall know some light on the matter. September 30th the two leagues will debate the question "Resolved, that the Frisco Y. P. R. L. players are planning to stage a sketch, "The Lion Hunters." There will also be some other excellent features to conclude the evening's entertainment.

SOLID SOUTH AWAKENING

We are slowly breaking into the Solid South. The latest to be heard from are Bristol, Tenn., and Bristol, Va., towns. Both have started off with a good bunch of hustlers, and expect to have a large enrollment the 1st of members within a short time.

SPRINGFIELD SHOWS GROWTH.

One of the leagues which is showing a surprising growth is the Springfield, Mo., Y. P. R. L. Starting with six members a year and a half ago, the organization today numbers more than 100. It has slowly gained membership through their socials, parties and picnics, but finally came to the statistics of about 20 members. They then decided upon a membership drive two camps, and the losers were to give a social for the winners. This has brought in more than 40 members and has not yet closed. The comrades are planning on educational work among these young people, and every week they speak at the Labor Temple, in addition to using it as a social center.

HELP BOOST CAMPAIGN

The Irving Park and Northwest Side leagues, Chicago, have arranged a monster campaign bazaar for the benefit of the Northwest Side campaign fund of the party. The party campaign committee gave them some money to start with, and the young folks are pushing it along. They have 1,000 letters sent out, 500 tickets to "3 Socialist-sent sympathizers" are among the "prizes" and 3,000 attractive placards will hold the public notice. They expect to realize the Northwest Side campaign fund several hundred dollars to the Socialist campaign fund.

Congressman From Texas.

Congressman is promised from this district which we hope will result in the election from the Lone Star State of a real Socialist, writes Belle Williams, Socialist secretary of the Texas first congressional district. J. C. Thompson, of Tarkana, is the Socialist nominee. The campaign starts September 27, at the Bell's Bluff encampment, Eugene Debs, Democratic nominee, has been challenged to meet Thompson in debate, but Black claims he is "too busy."

Campaign in East.—The eastern districts of the Scandinavian Socialist Federation started their congressional campaign work in West Concord, N. H., September 20. A Swedish speaker is in the field and Scandinavian campaign meetings will be held every day throughout the eastern states.

ILLINOIS WOMEN PLAN TO DOUBLE PARTY MEMBERSHIP.

By Anna Belle Kennedy, State Correspondent of Illinois.

The Socialist women of Chicago are entering vigorously upon an organizing campaign, the slogan being, "Double the woman membership and quadruple the working force by January 1." Special volunteer organizers are already at work in many of the wards, and it is expected that the remaining wards will soon fall into line.

As a first step towards getting in touch with women who are already interested in Socialism or may be interested, these workers are circulating a printed questionnaire. This is an excellent idea, for Chicago is a big place and the subject on which to approach people in Chicago just now, for the fight is already on to secure for Chicago a municipal telephone system.

The chief organization conducting the fight is known as the Penny Phone League. The officers are Socialist party members and most of the active workers in the organization are Socialists and members of labor organizations.

The Cook County Executive Committee of the Socialist party has indorsed the objects of the league, and sends a delegate to its meetings. The Chicago Federation of Labor has also indorsed the league and is lending moral and financial support.

Therefore the Penny Phone League petitioners seem just now to be the best means in the hands of the women organizers to present to their co-laborers the principle of municipal ownership and Socialism. The organizers will visit interested people with Socialist literature and with invitations to join the party. In the meantime, we will have carried Socialist propaganda into thousands of homes, cemented and enlarged our working force, secured new party members and gained experience and confidence for further Socialist work.

SCANDINAVIAN SOCIALISTS CONCENTRATE IN MINNESOTA.

The Scandinavian Socialist Federation has decided to concentrate its work during this congressional campaign on the numerous Scandinavian settlements in Minnesota.

A Scandinavian speaker will be sent to that state beginning at Minneapolis, September 26. If the work proves a success, the federation will keep him in the state all fall and winter.

Minnesota Socialists who want to arrange Scandinavian meetings in their locality should communicate with the Scandinavian Socialist Federation, District No. 1, Thomas Fossen, secretary, 313 21st avenue, W., Duluth, Minn., or the State Office of the Socialist party, 1317 Western avenue, Minneapolis.

War Degenerates Race.—That the war means deterioration of the human race for generations, a reversal of the process of selection and a wiping out of the most valuable elements in human evolution, is the claim of Prof. C. A. Kofoid, University of California.

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HILLQUIT-GOMPERS DEBATE

MORRIS HILLQUIT

For many years Socialists have tried to get Samuel Gompers to debate with some representative Socialist, but always without success.

At last the unexpected has happened. Morris Hillquit met Samuel Gompers in a three days' debate before the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations. Comrade Hillquit was ably supported by Max Hayes, editor of the Cleveland Citizen, while Mr. Gompers had as his assistant the renegade Gordon.

HILLQUIT OPENS.

Hillquit started the proceedings with a one hour statement on the aims of the Socialist movement and its relation to the trade union movement, which was, in the judgment of many Socialists of standing, the most eloquent and most concise declaration of Socialist theory and practice ever given in such a short time. Then upon Mr. Gompers cross-examined Hillquit for more than four hours. In this cross-examination, the president of the American Federation of Labor endeavored to show that the Socialist party not only did not help the trade unions in their daily struggles, but that it actually hindered their work. Quoting alleged statements made by individual Socialists, he tried to prove the oft-repeated slander that the Socialist movement of Europe had acted and is acting treacherously toward the organized labor movement; that it never has done anything to further its cause. In short, in this cross-examination he brought out once more the old accusations that have been made by the "pure and simplers" of this country time and time again against the Socialist party.

HILLQUIT'S SECOND SPEECH.

It was an easy task for Hillquit to disprove everything that Gompers intimated, to show the utter falsehood and insincerity of his complaints, to show that the Socialist party of the United States was from the very inception done everything in its power to assist the unions morally and financially in their struggles. But our representative did more than that. He refuted Gompers' allegations in such a short, witty and cutting manner that the commissioners and the audience often found difficult to repress loud laughter, while Gompers plainly showed his keen displeasure.

The next session of the hearing saw the cross-examination of the president of the American Federation of Labor by Comrade Hillquit. The latter turned the tables on Gompers, showing cleverly that the A. F. of L., as well as the witness himself, stood for every single immediate demand of the Socialist party, with the exception of two, and that it did nothing to realize its own aspirations. Gompers could not know how to counteract this attack. His discomfiture was evident in his angry accusations that the Socialist party had pilfered the program of the A. F. or L.

GOMPERS CORNERED.

The climax of this rather diverting cross-examination was reached when Comrade Hillquit, going into the question of the class struggle, forced Gompers into a corner, where the latter showed himself to be either intentionally ignorant or utterly insincere. Gompers would neither admit that the interests of the worker and the capitalist were identical, nor was he willing to concede the existence of a class struggle. His explanation of what he meant by profits, his definition of a justified profit were so pitiably poor and so inexcusably crude, that every one of the hundreds of listeners wondered how such a man should be the leading labor official of this country. The well dressed woman, who approached Comrade Hillquit, begging him "to take pity on this poor old man who was obviously in danger of apoplexy," voiced the sentiments of the audience.

MAX HAYES SPEAKS.

The last day brought the direct-examination of Comrade Max A. Hayes, who showed in a straightforward manner with uncontroverted arguments, the intimate relations between the Socialist party and the labor movement, hatterings of the reactionary defenses that Gompers had erected against the intellectual would-be leaders of the Proletariat.

The renegade Gordon, whom Gompers had called to the assistance of the A. F. of L., tried to show the impossibility of Socialism. He made such a poor showing that it needed the combined efforts of the Commissioners as well as the immediate intervention of Gompers, who at last completely annihilate him.

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This debate, published in a book of 250 pages, is one of the most interesting, and at the same time one of the most important and most lightening contributions to our literature. The attitude of the "pure and simple" trade unionist is shown to be a combination of the most utterly ridiculous, that the book will be the best possible propaganda matter for use among trade unionists and Socialist sympathizers. It routs the arguments of the Gompers type, and on the other hand refutes those of our so-called "radical" friends who cannot conceive of any common ground upon which the Socialists and the trade unionist can work.

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Nation Must Own the Food.—The city of the British Socialists now big, "The state must own the food supply," writes Alexander Scott, from Edinburgh, Scotland.